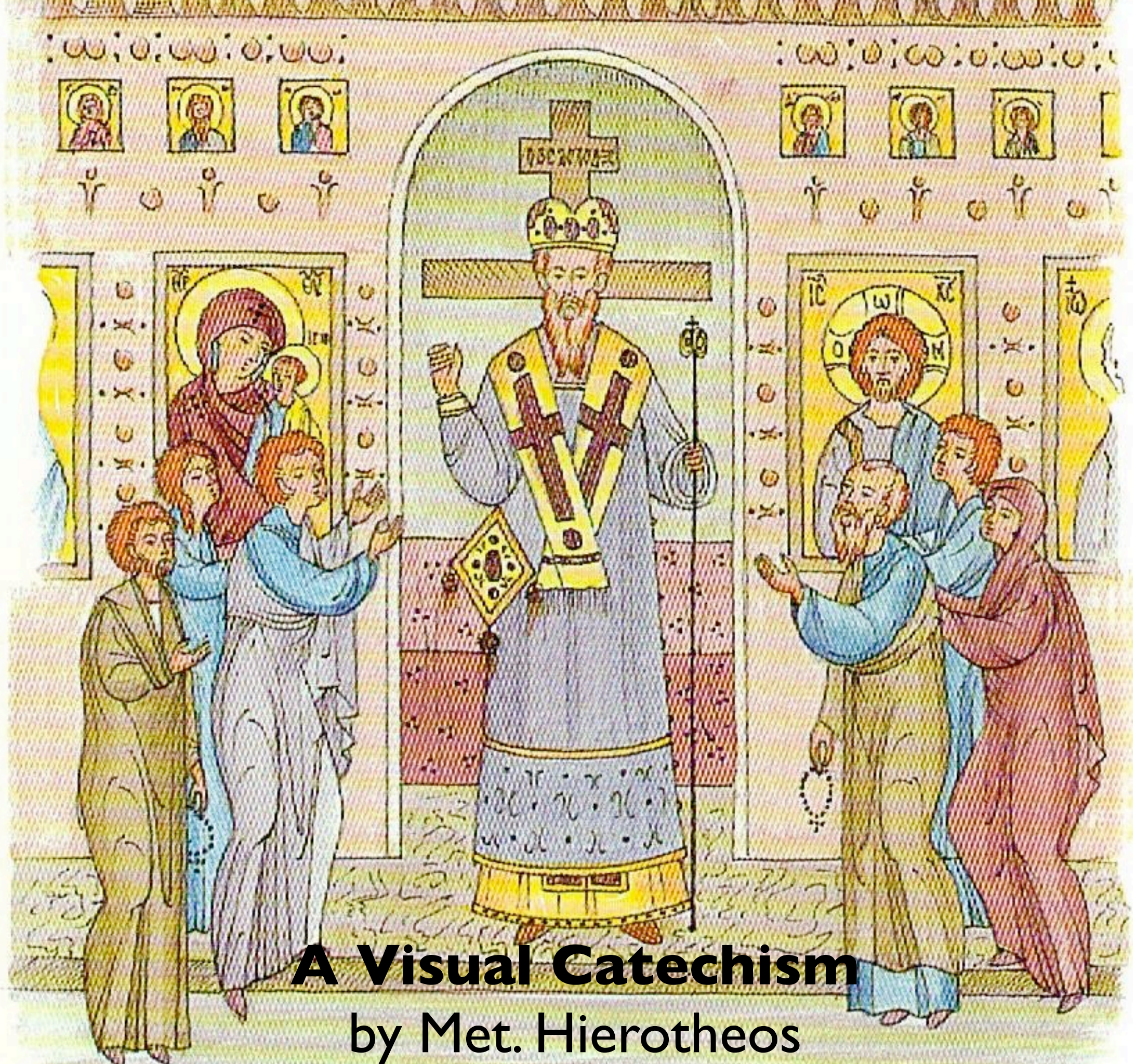
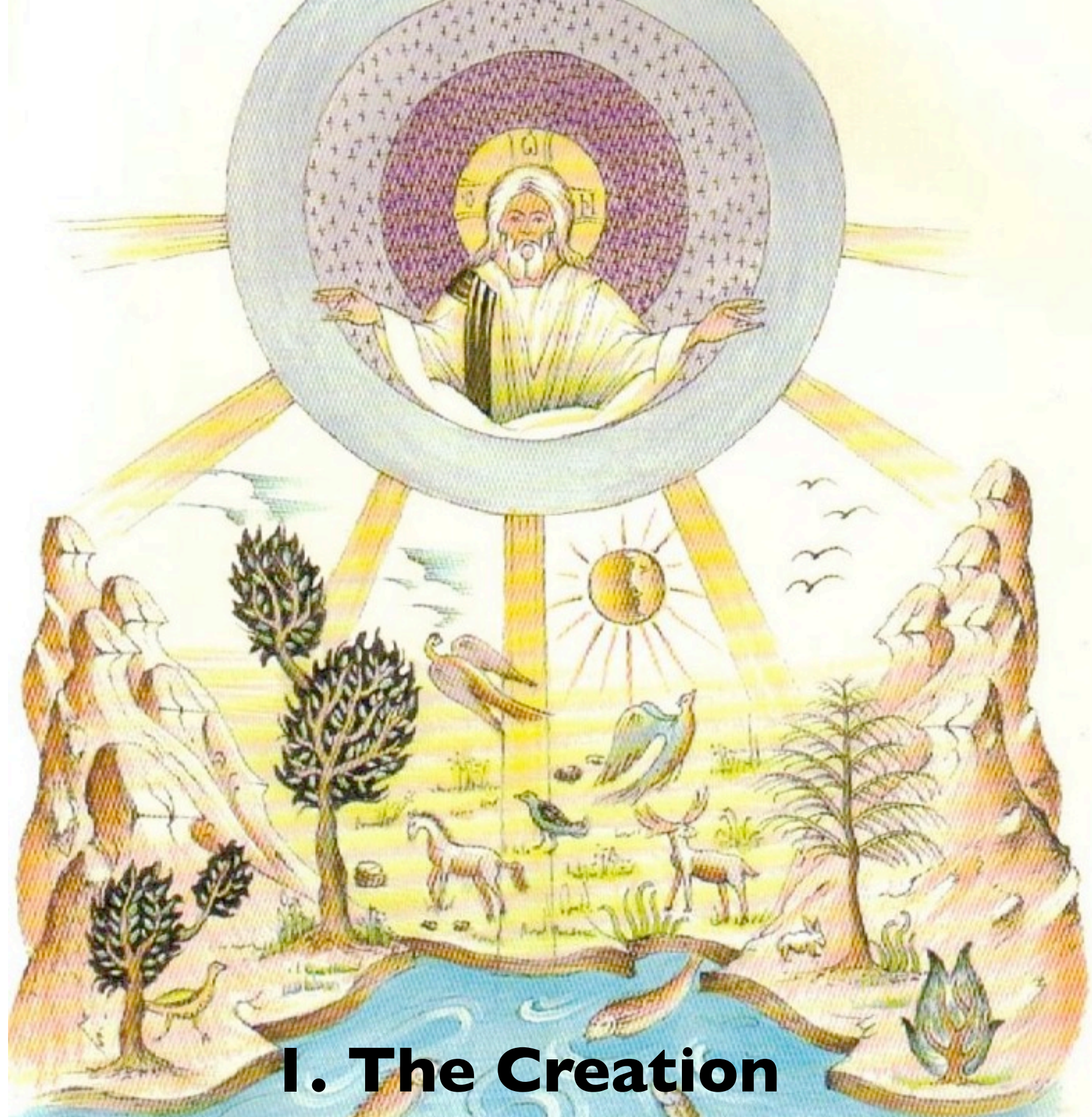


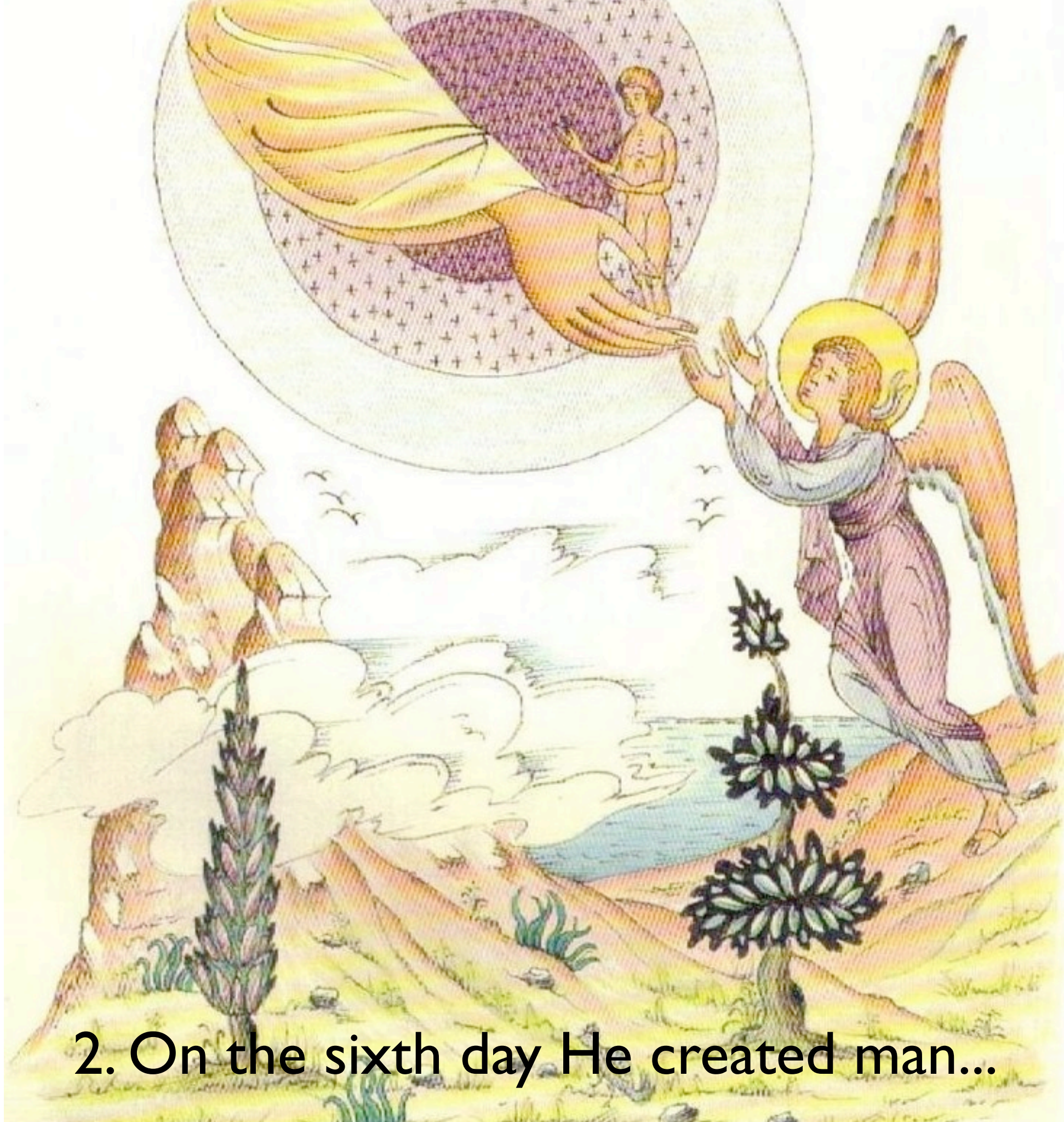


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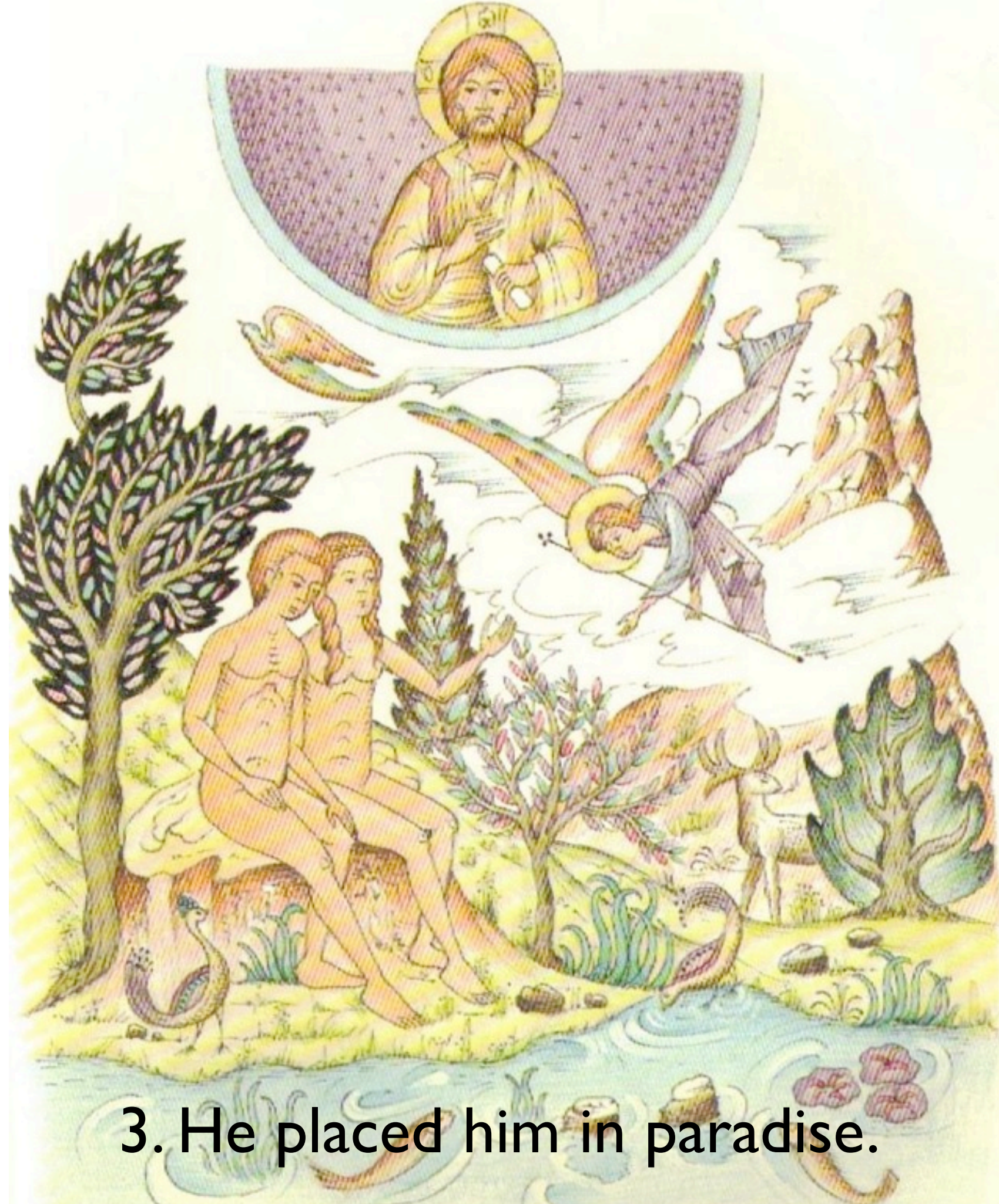


I. The Creation

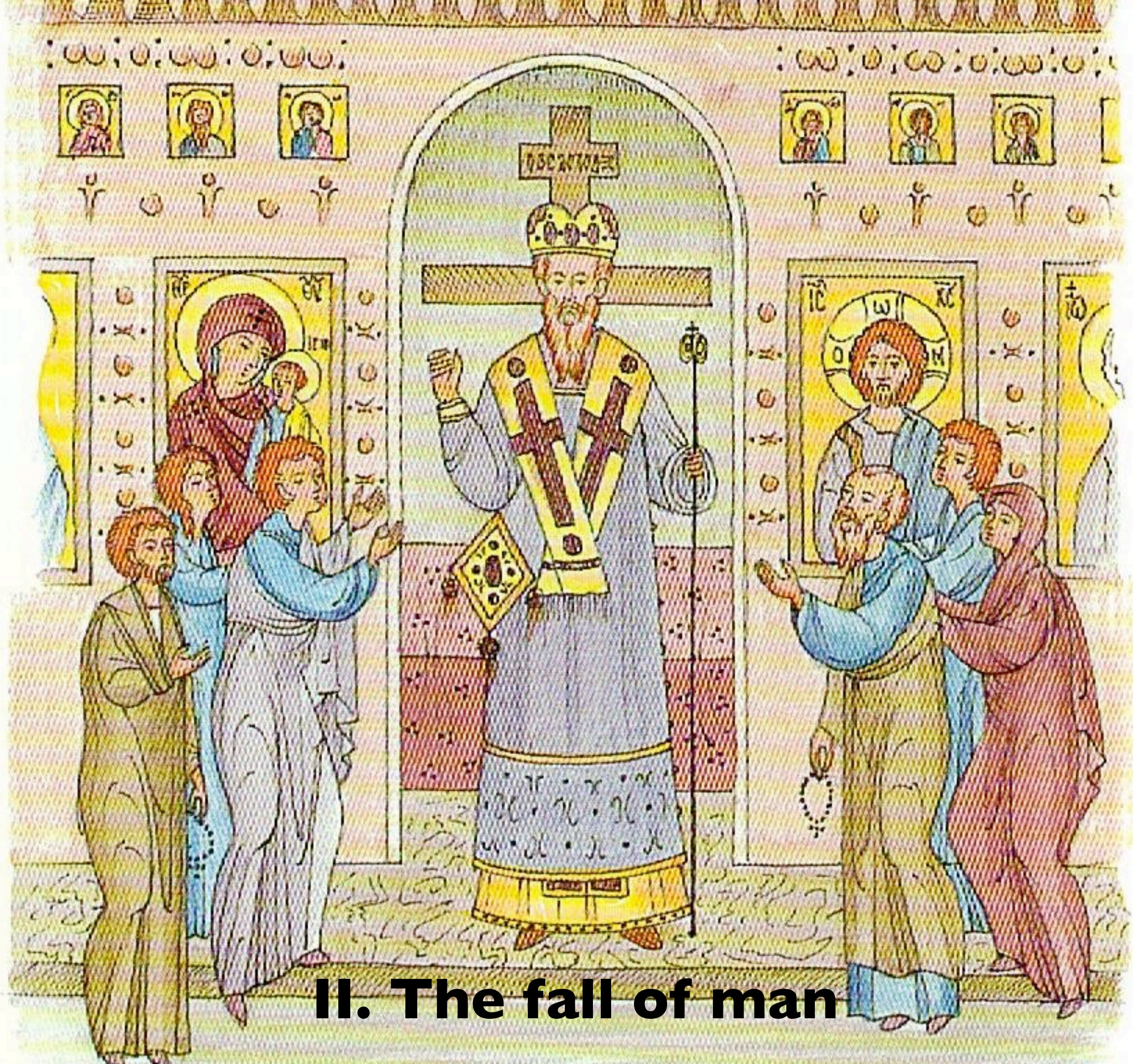
I. God created the whole world in five days...



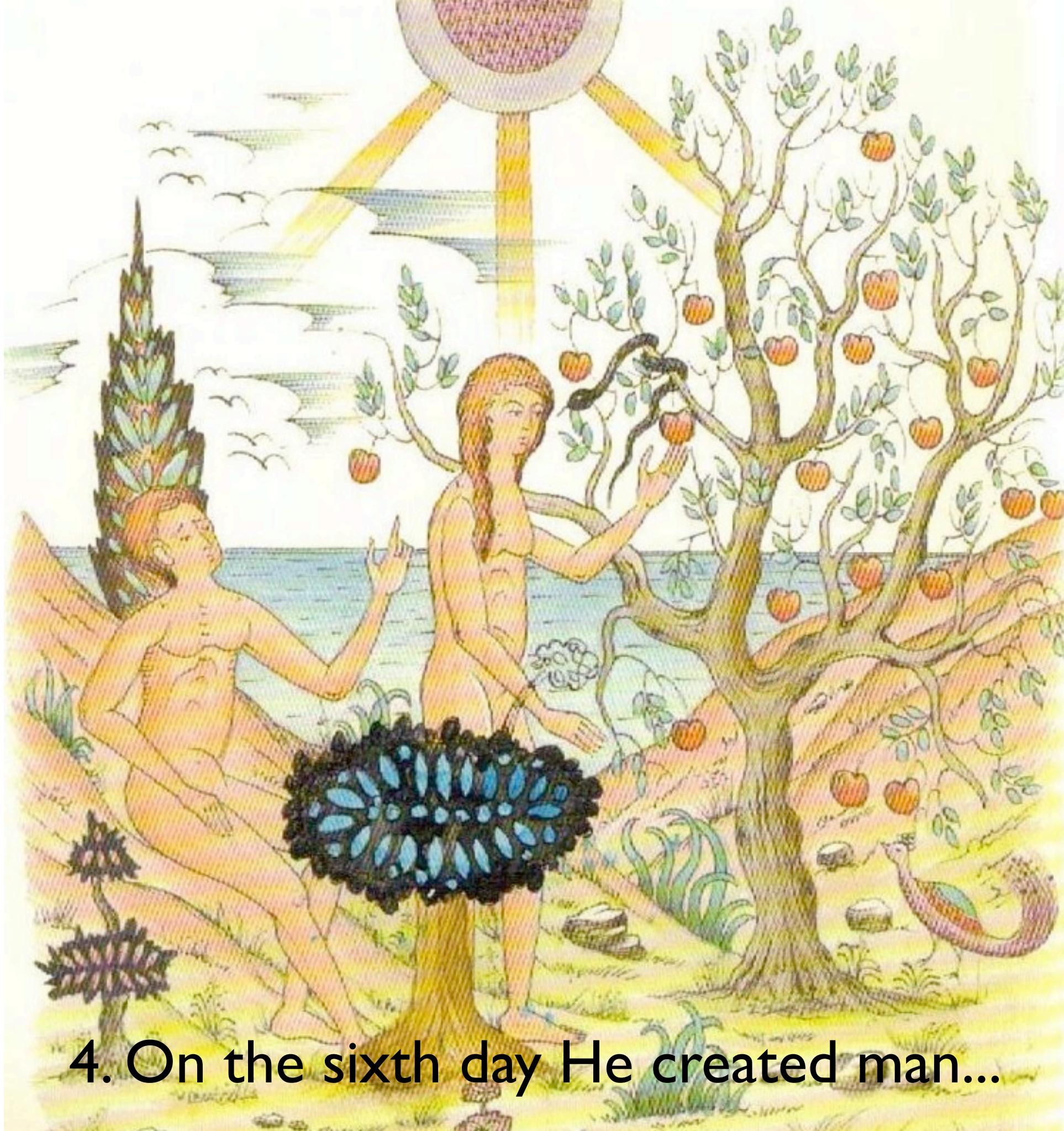
2. On the sixth day He created man...



3. He placed him in paradise.



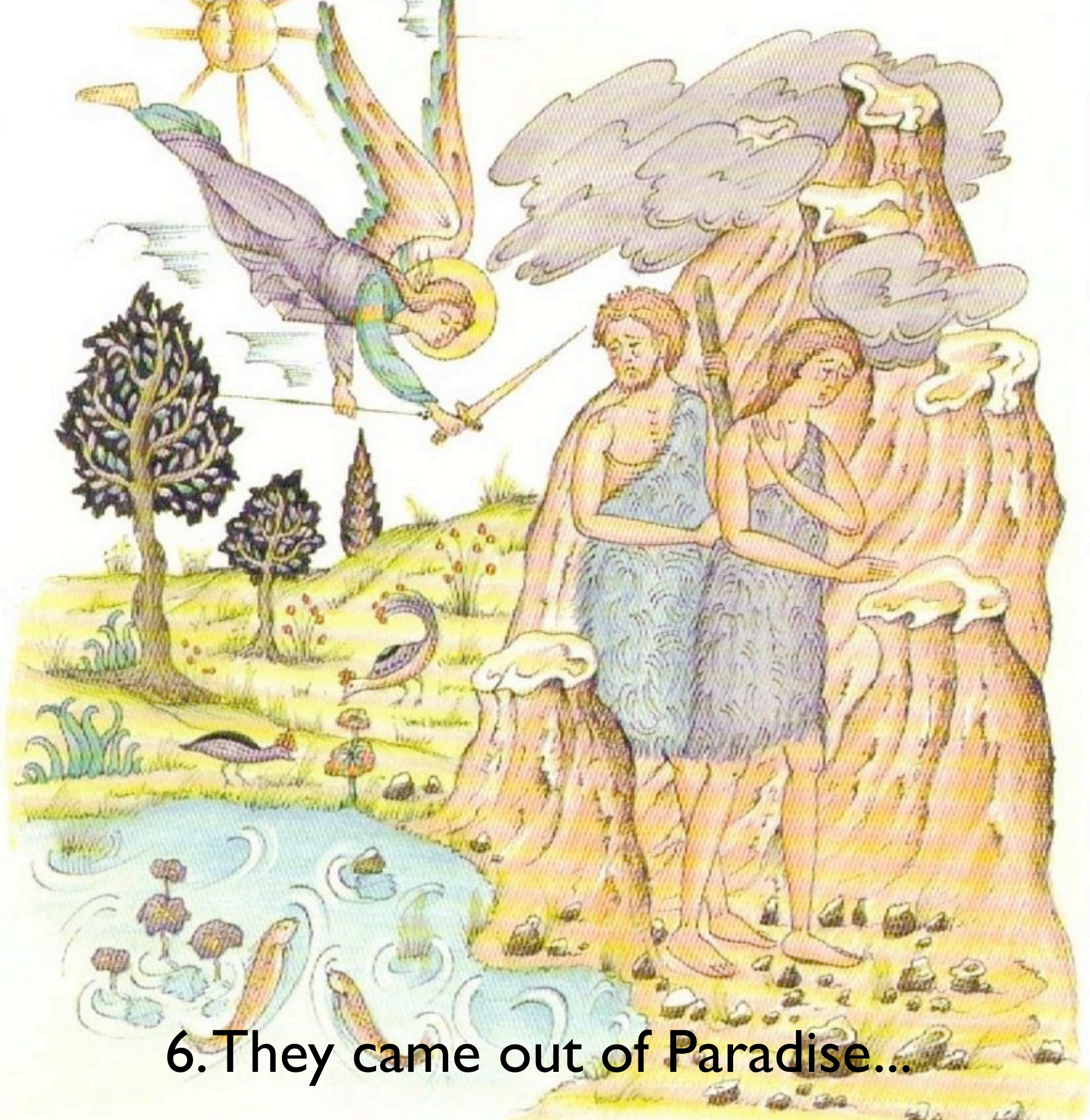
II. The fall of man



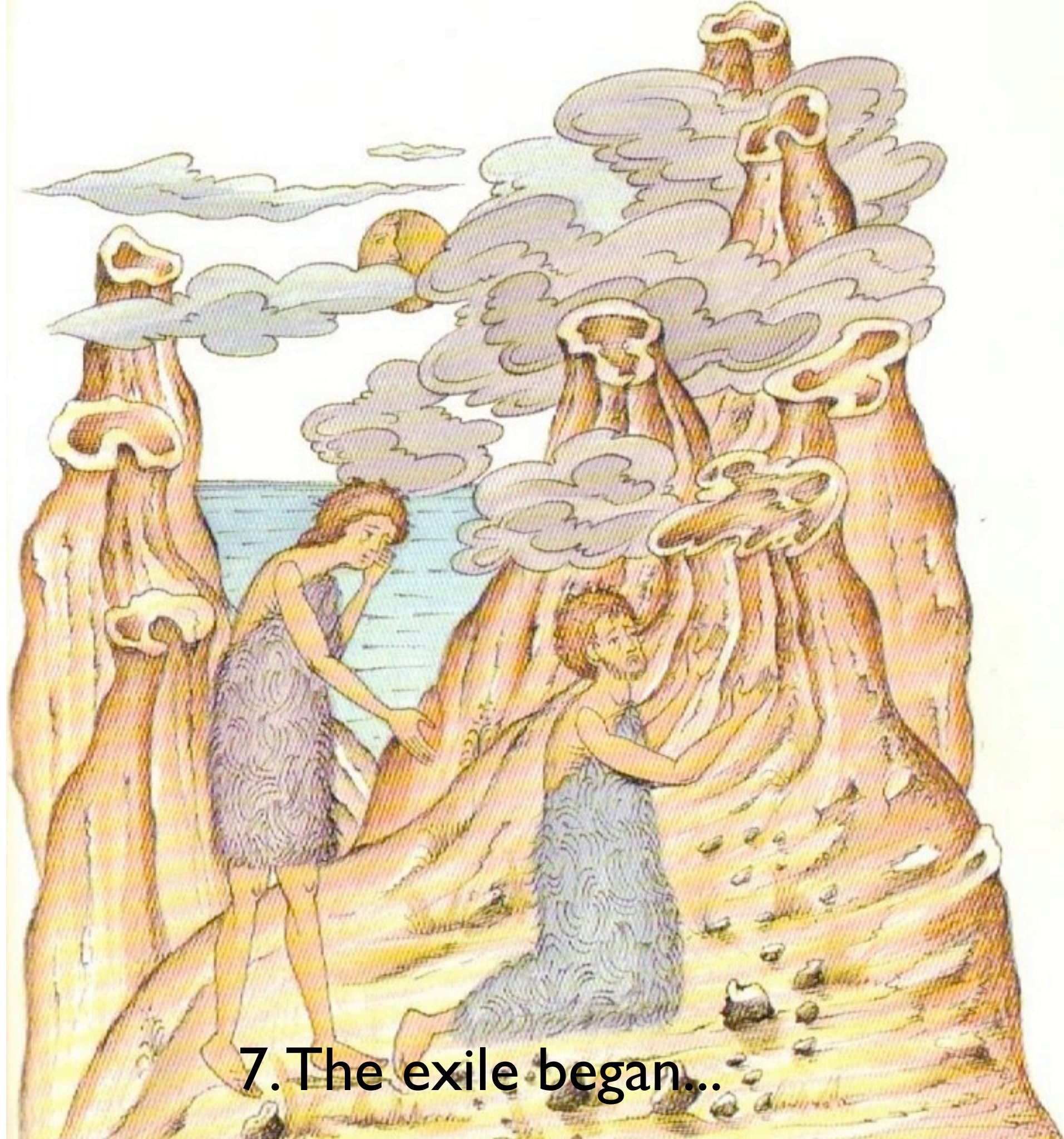
4. On the sixth day He created man...



5. They lost their communion with God...



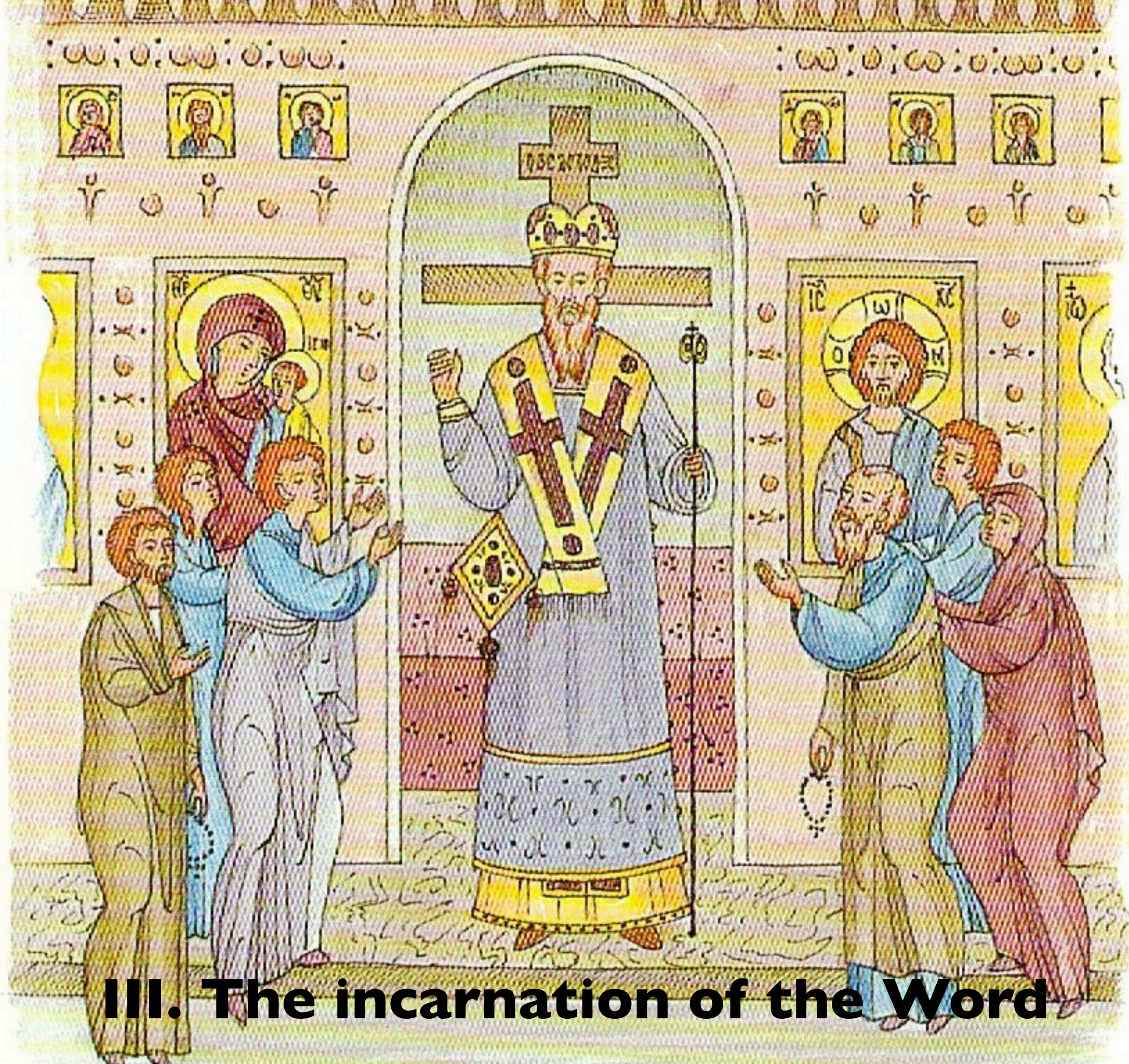
6. They came out of Paradise...



7. The exile began...



8. Thus came death into their life...



III. The incarnation of the Word



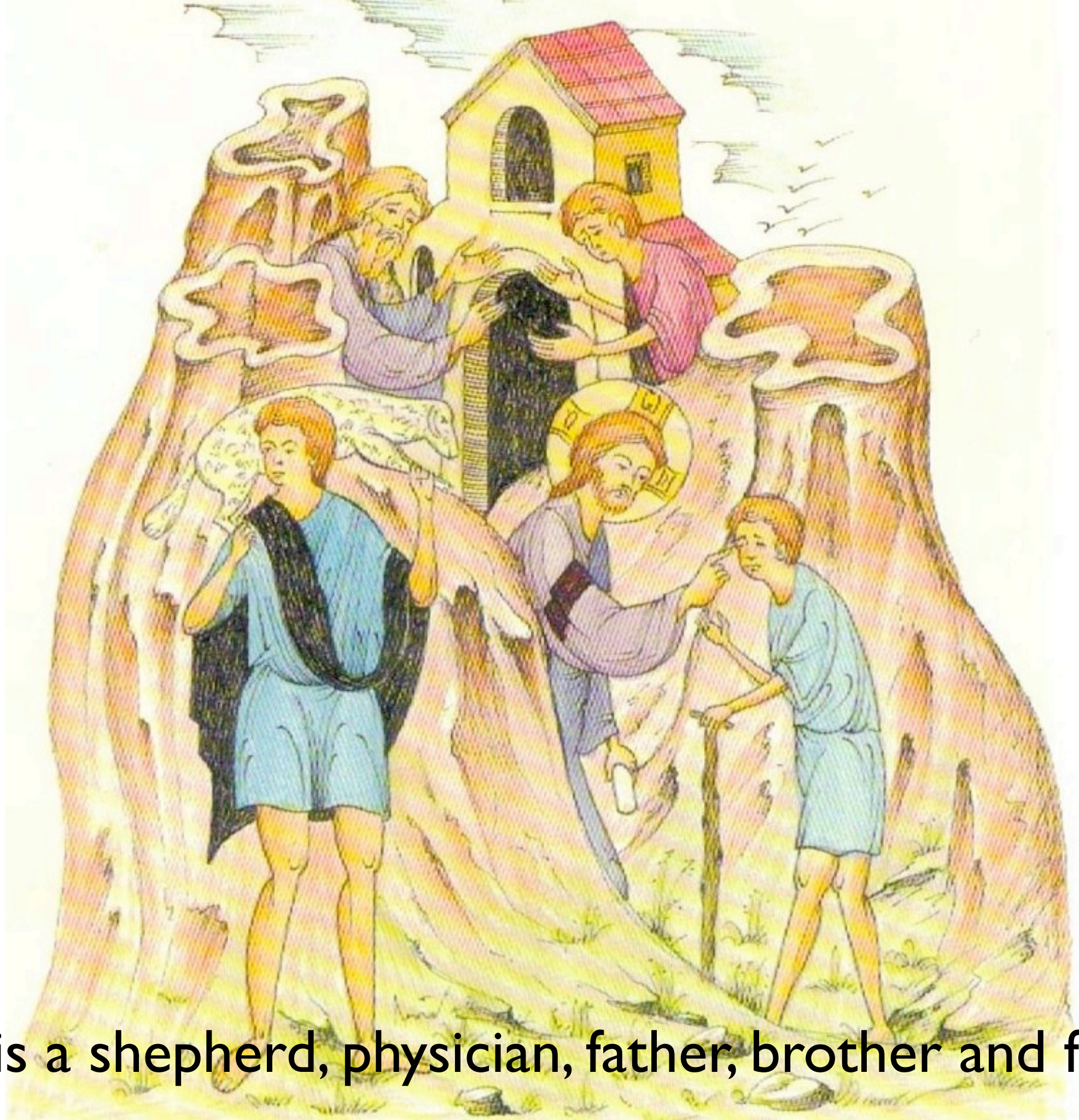
9.The Son and Word of God became man...



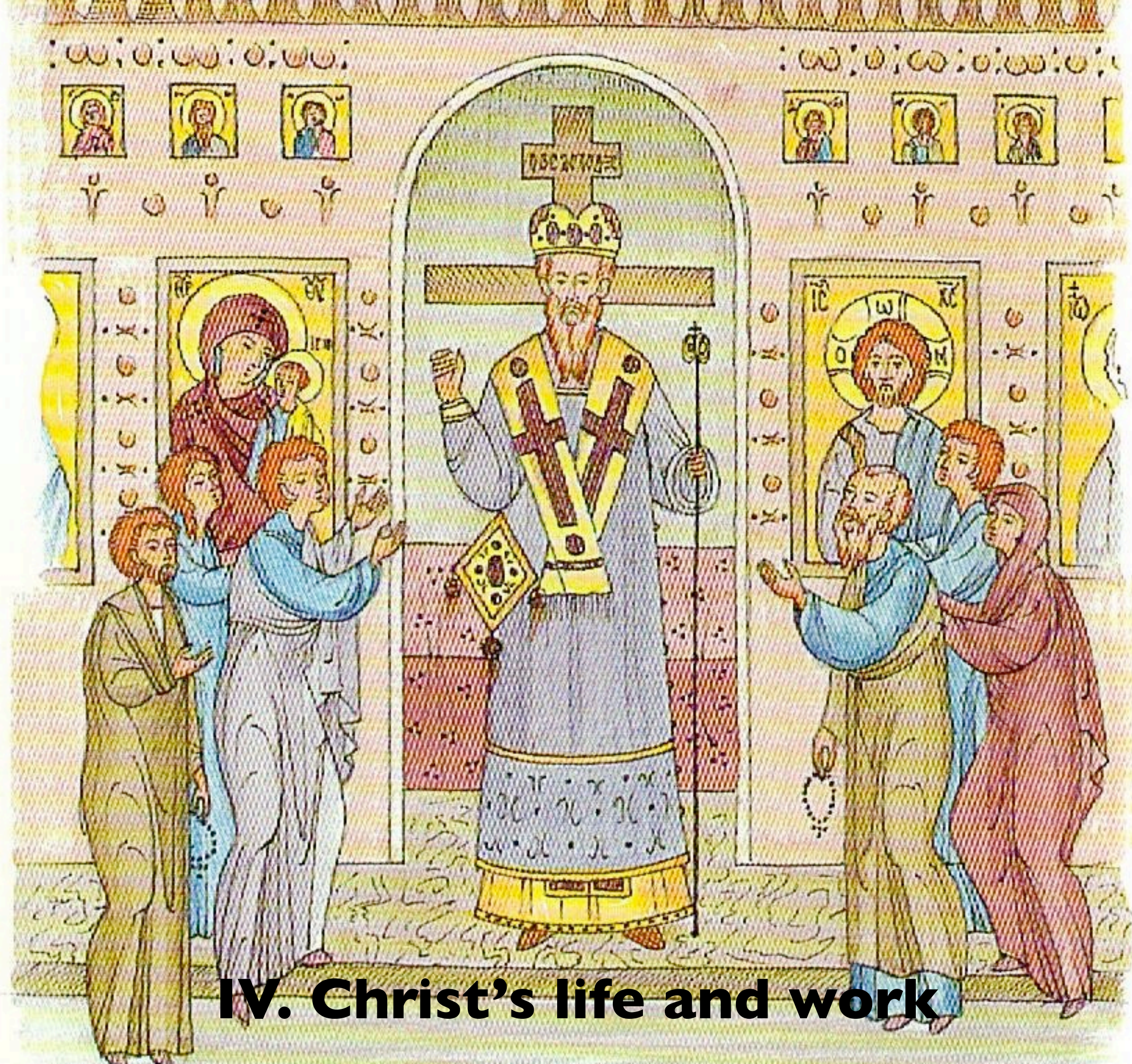
10. Christ is God-man: He is perfect God and perfect man...



I I. Therefore He is the one and only Savior of men...



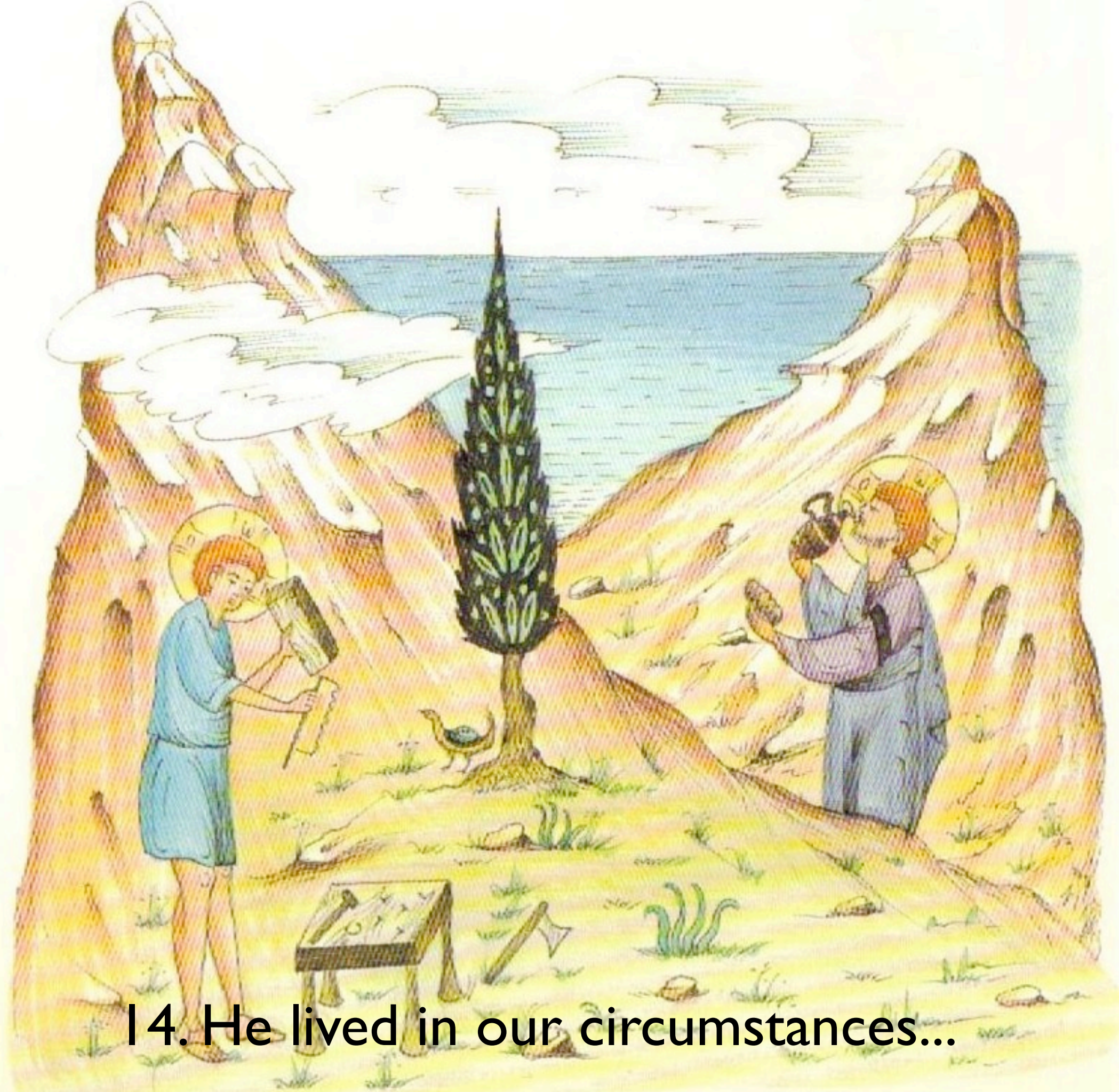
12. He is a shepherd, physician, father, brother and friend.



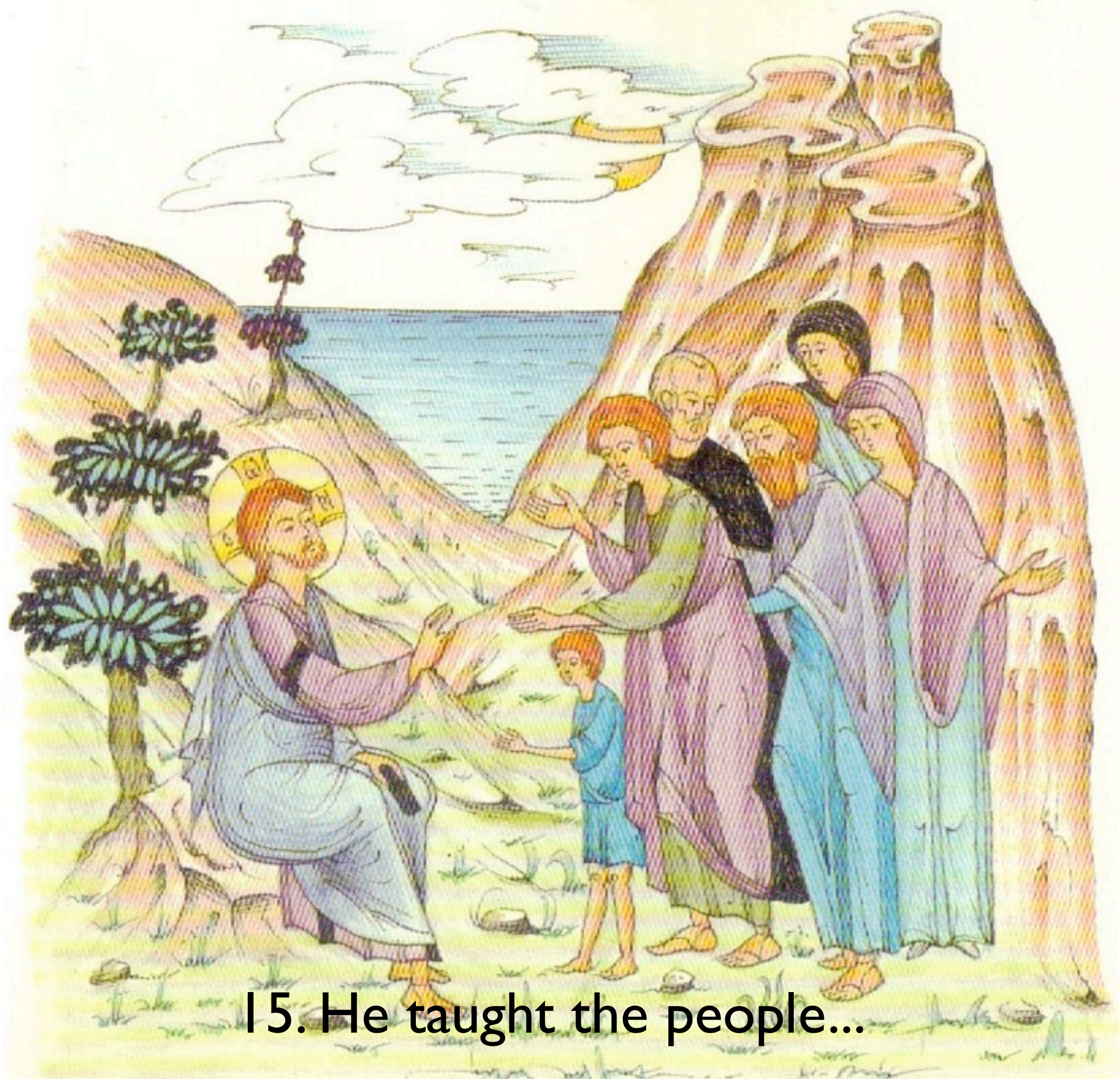
IV. Christ's life and work



13. Christ was born of the Virgin Mary as man in Bethlehem during the rule of Caesar Augustus...



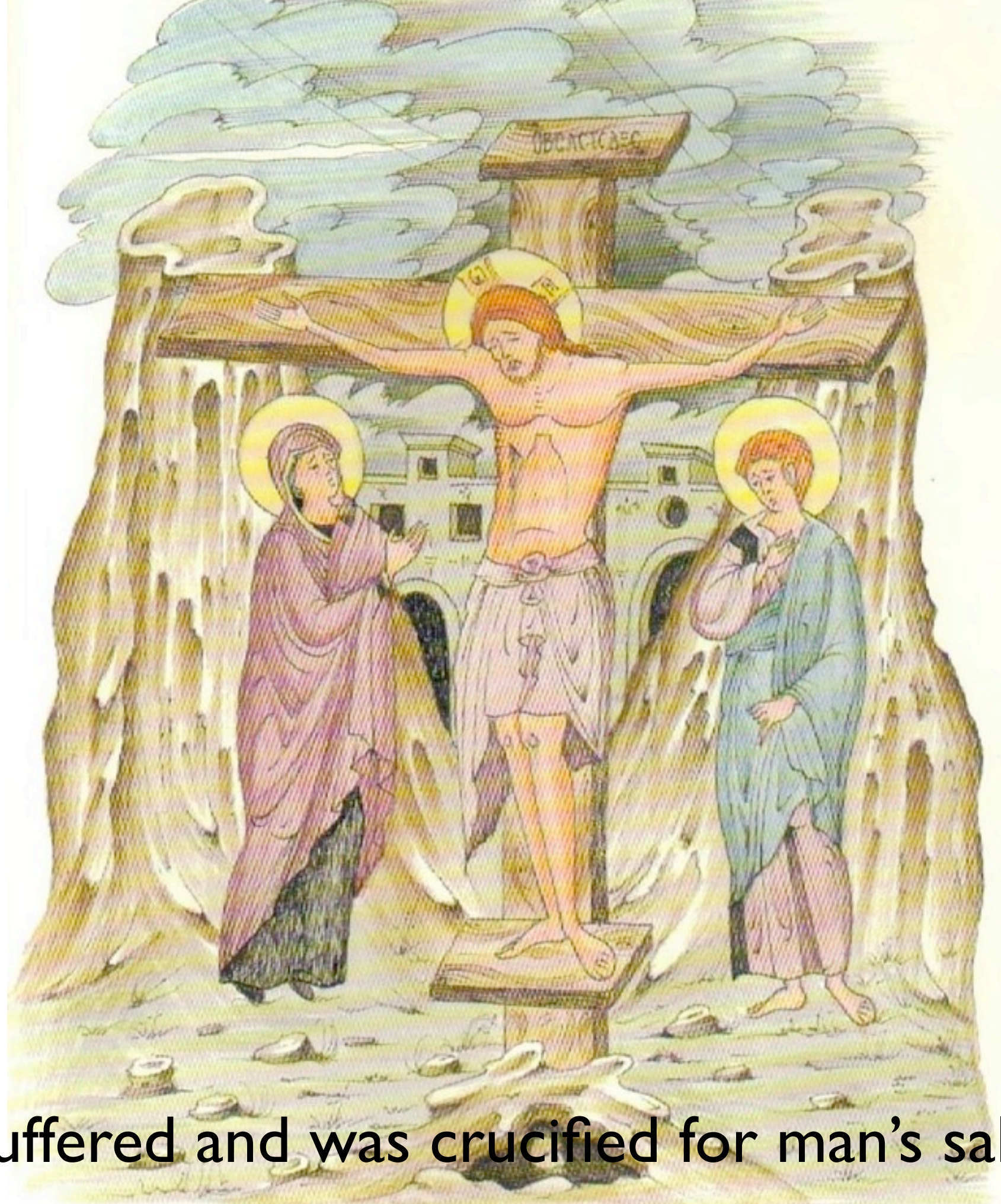
14. He lived in our circumstances...



15. He taught the people...



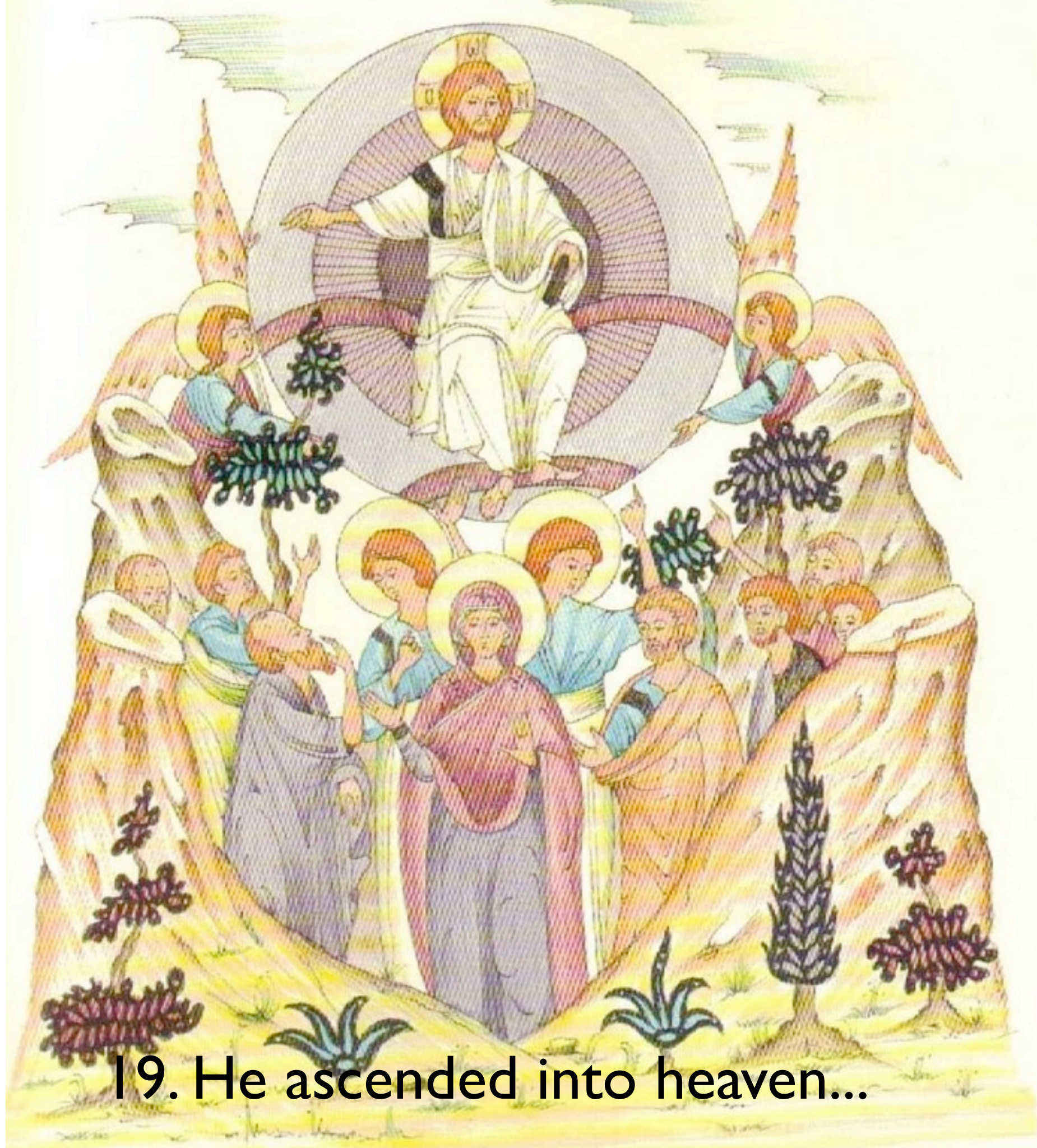
16. He performed miracles...



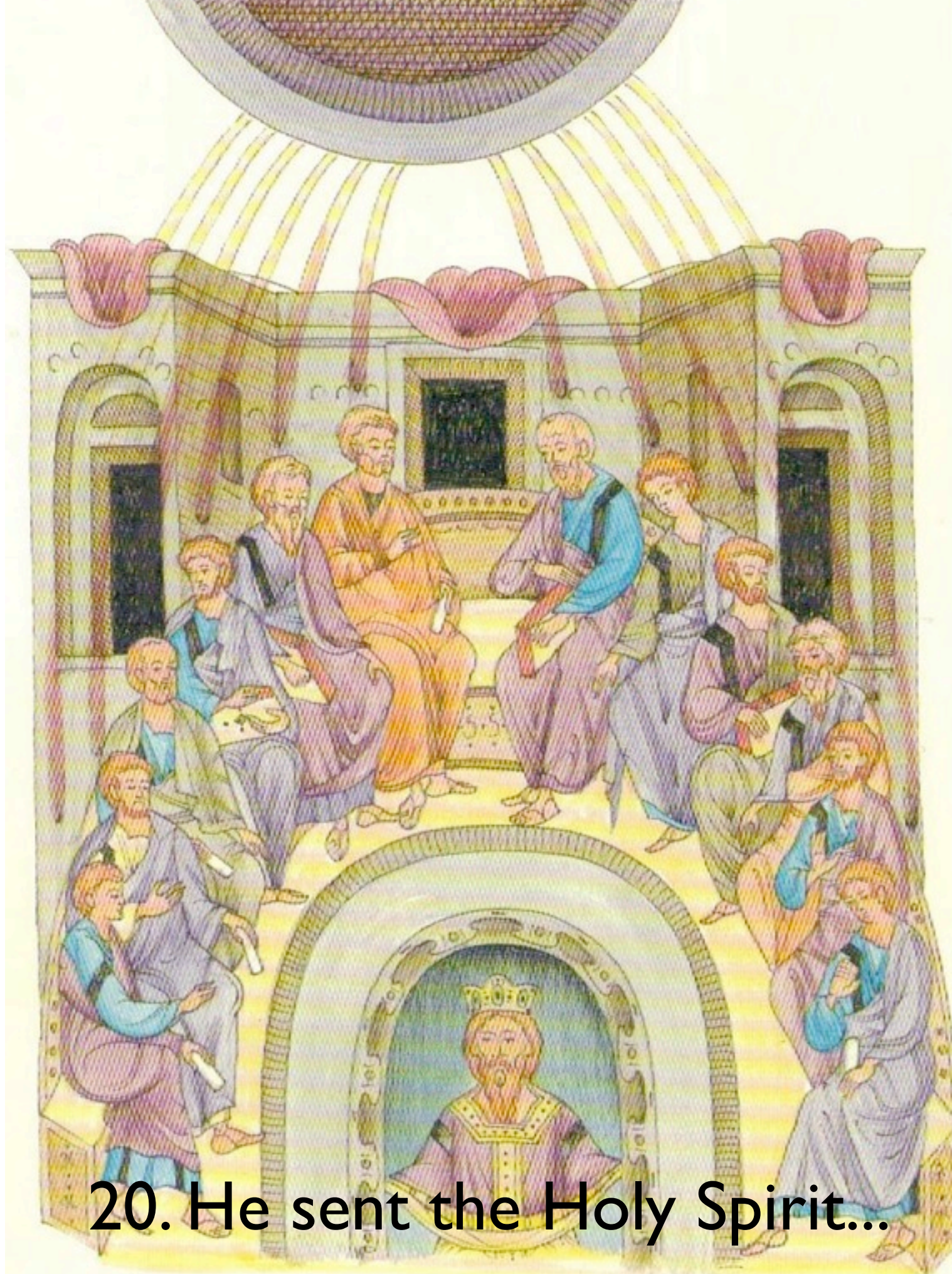
17. He suffered and was crucified for man's salvation...



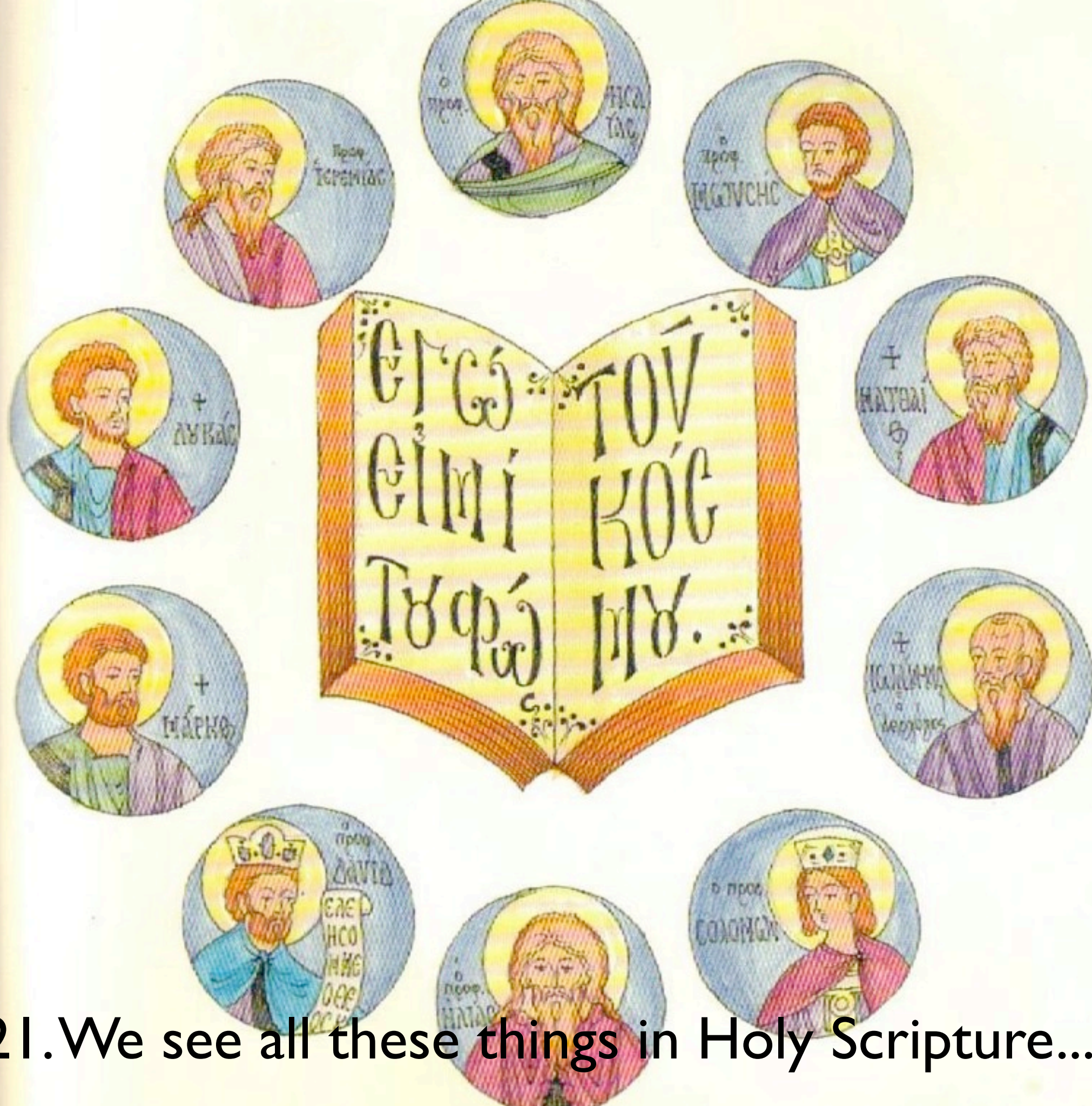
18. He rose, abolishing death...



19. He ascended into heaven...



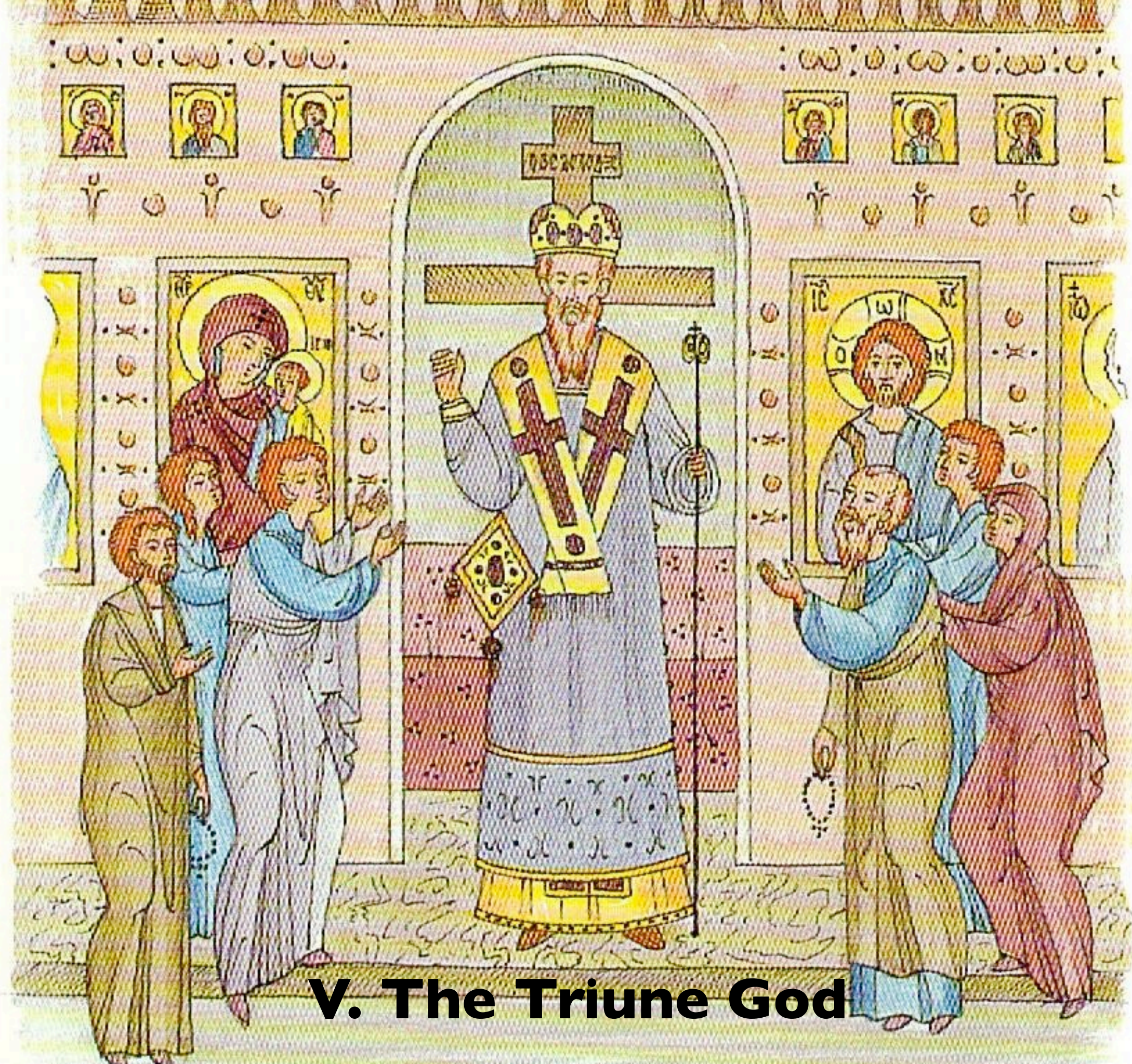
20. He sent the Holy Spirit...



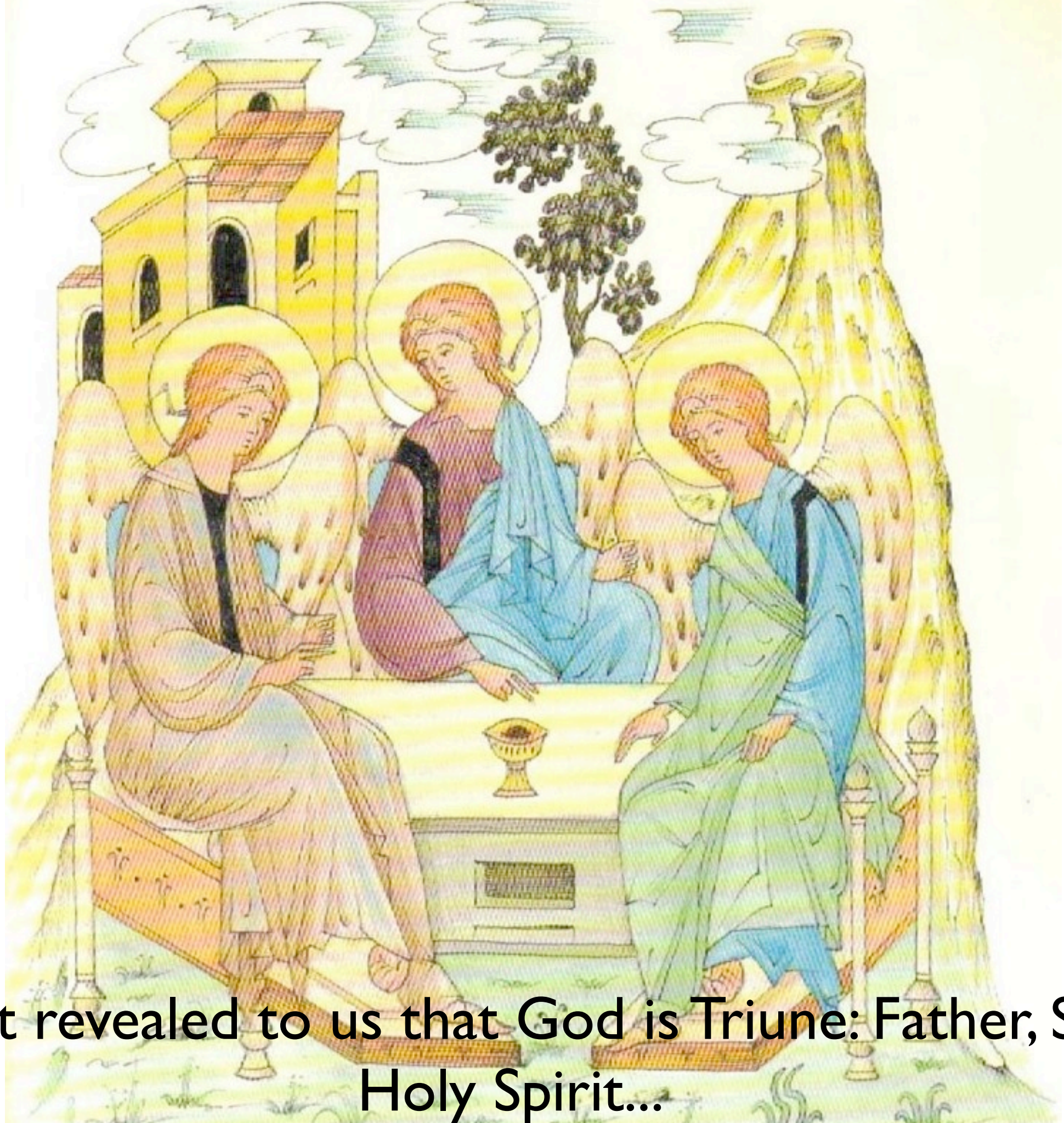
21. We see all these things in Holy Scripture...



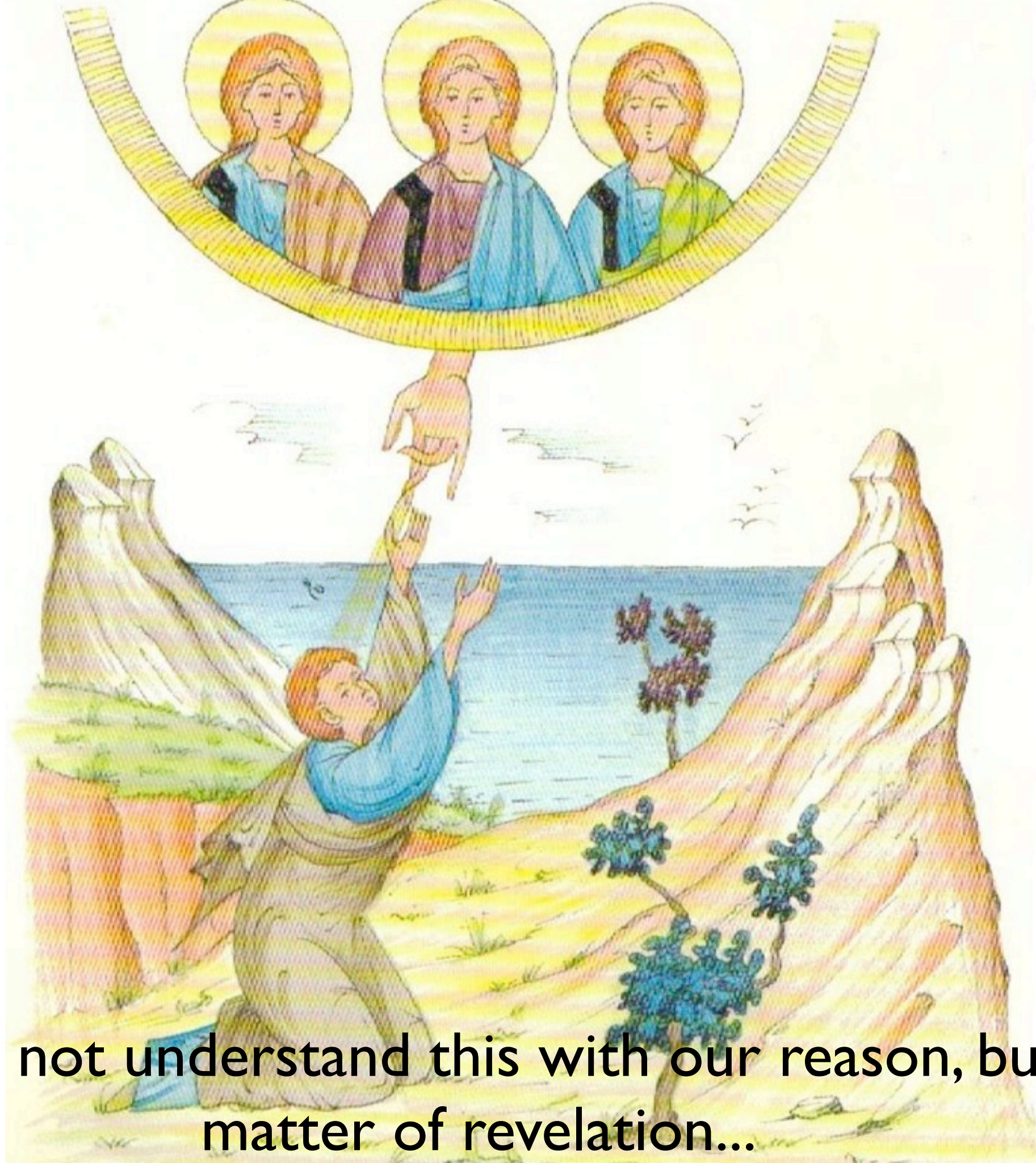
22. The Old Testament prophesies them, the New Testament describes them.



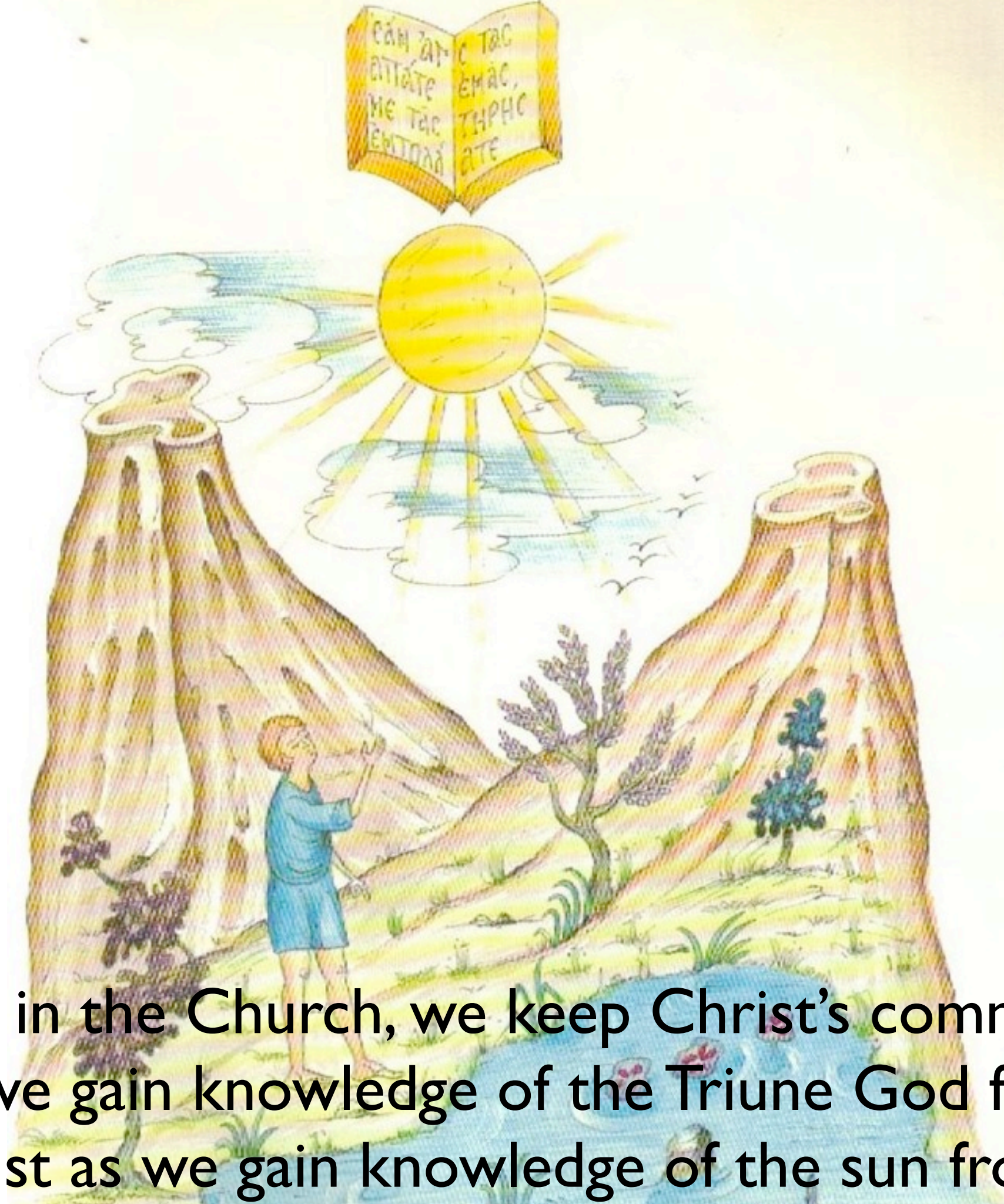
V. The Triune God



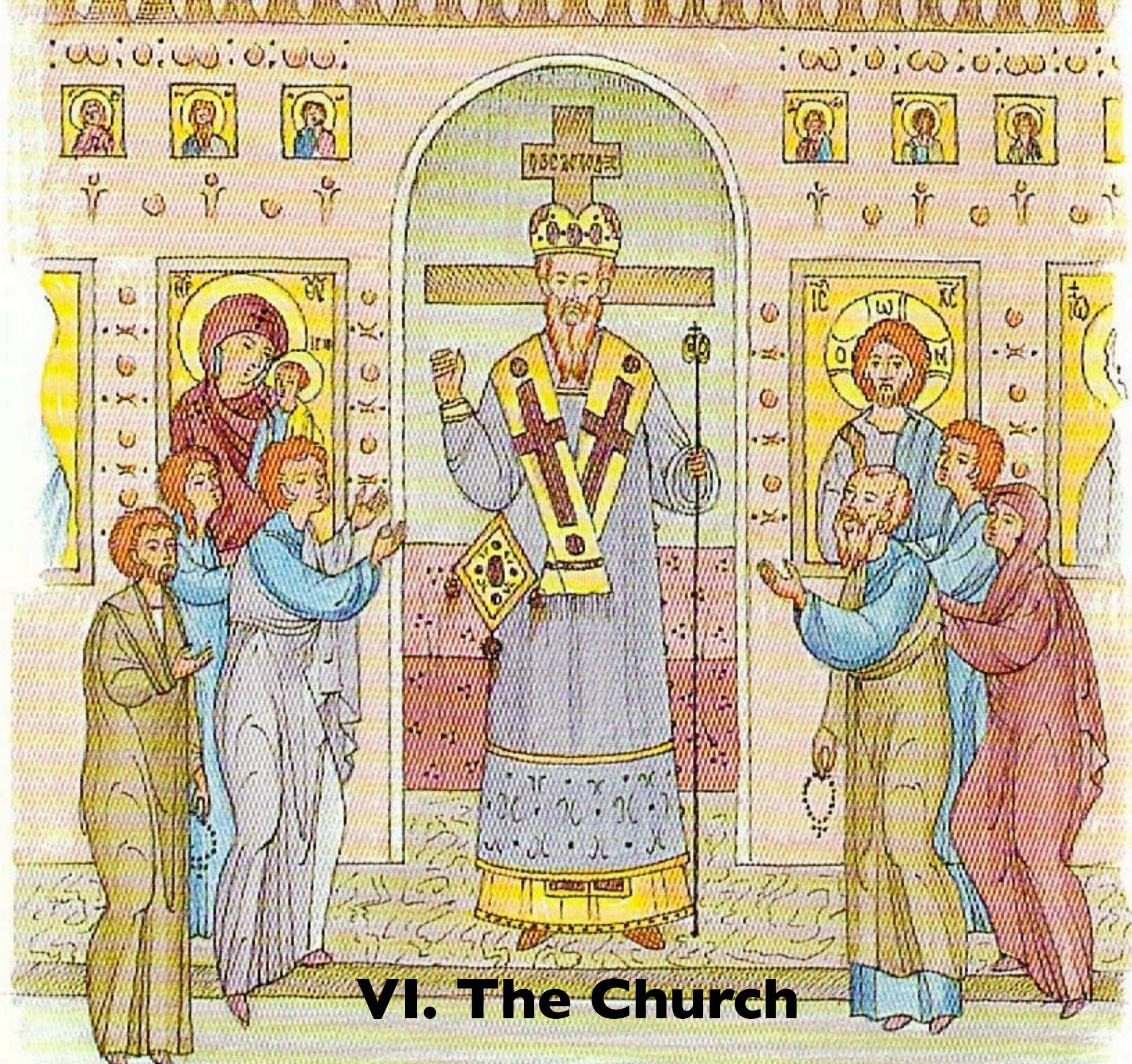
23. Christ revealed to us that God is Triune: Father, Son and Holy Spirit...



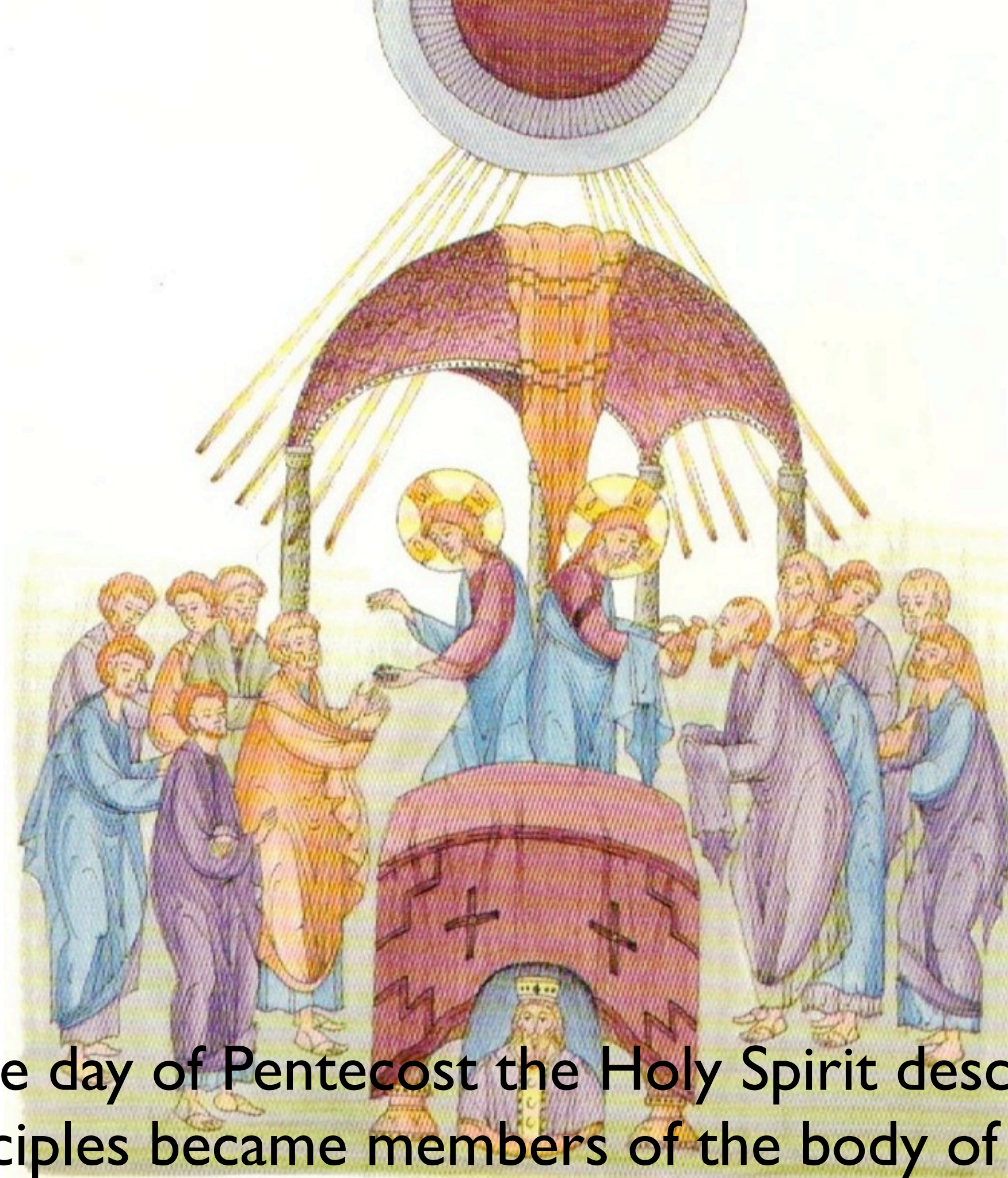
24. We do not understand this with our reason, but it is a matter of revelation...



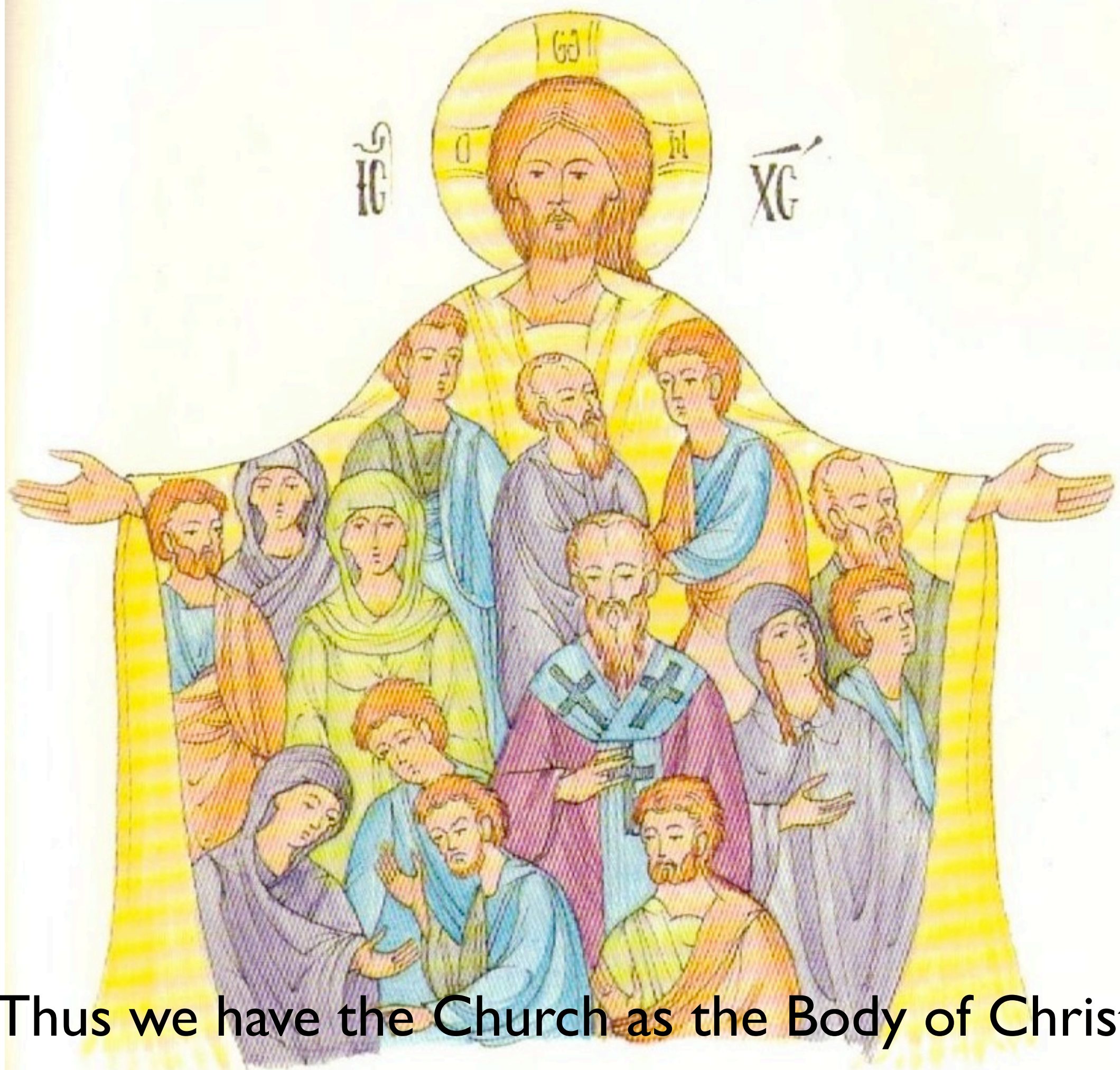
25. We live in the Church, we keep Christ's commandments and so we gain knowledge of the Triune God from His energies, just as we gain knowledge of the sun from its rays.



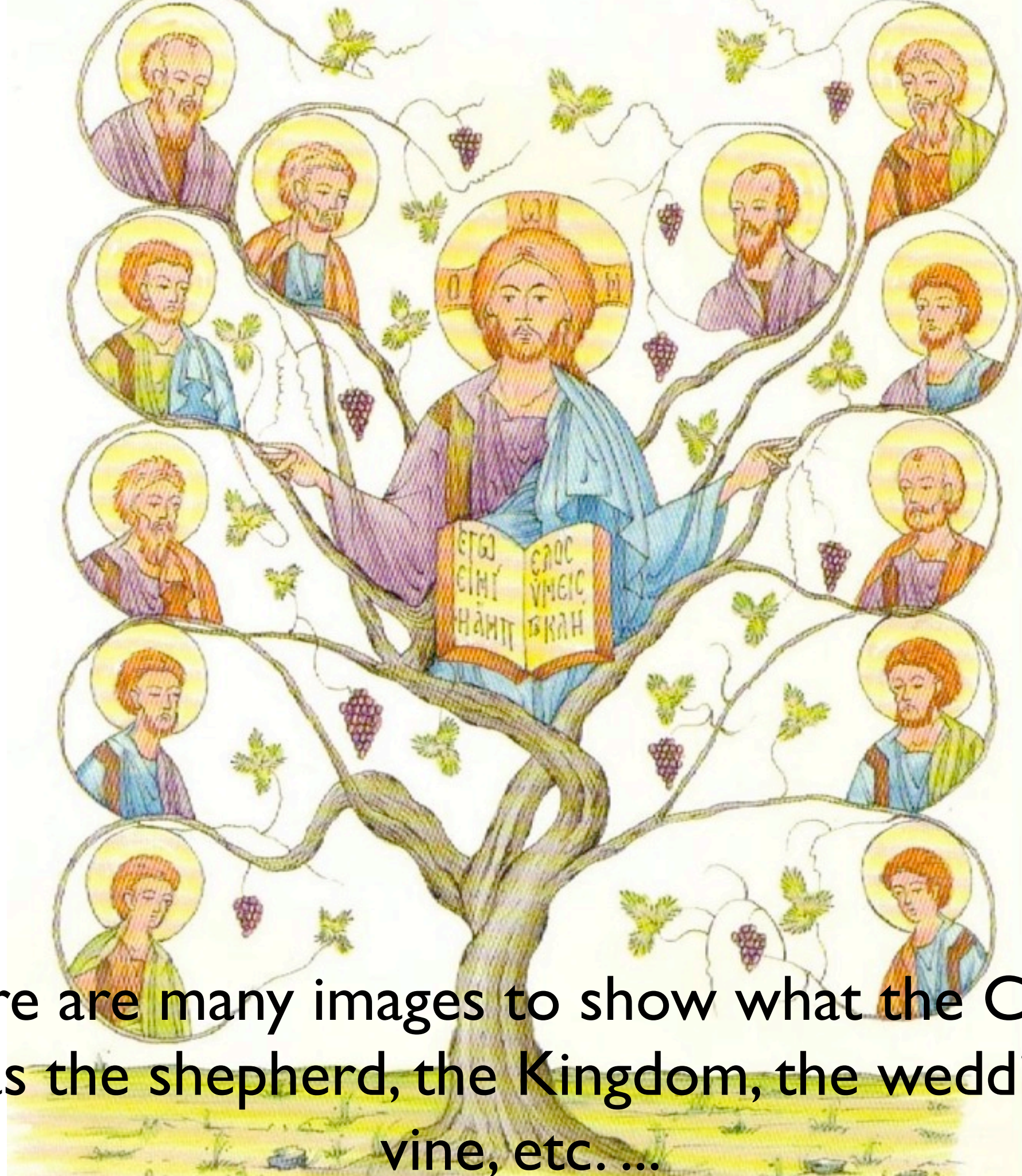
VI. The Church



26. On the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit descended and the disciples became members of the body of Christ...



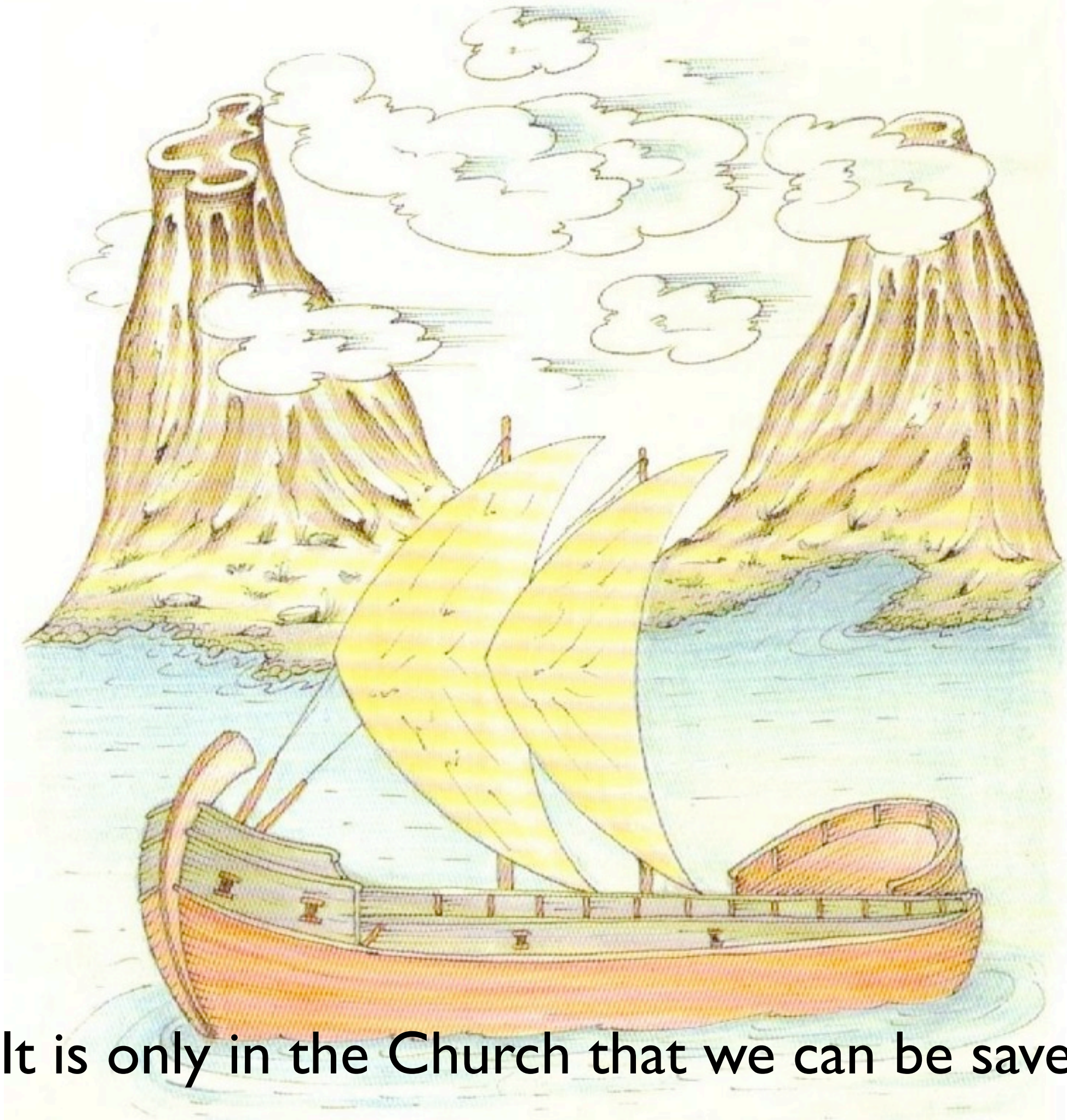
27. Thus we have the Church as the Body of Christ...



28. There are many images to show what the Church is, such as the shepherd, the Kingdom, the wedding, the vine, etc. ...



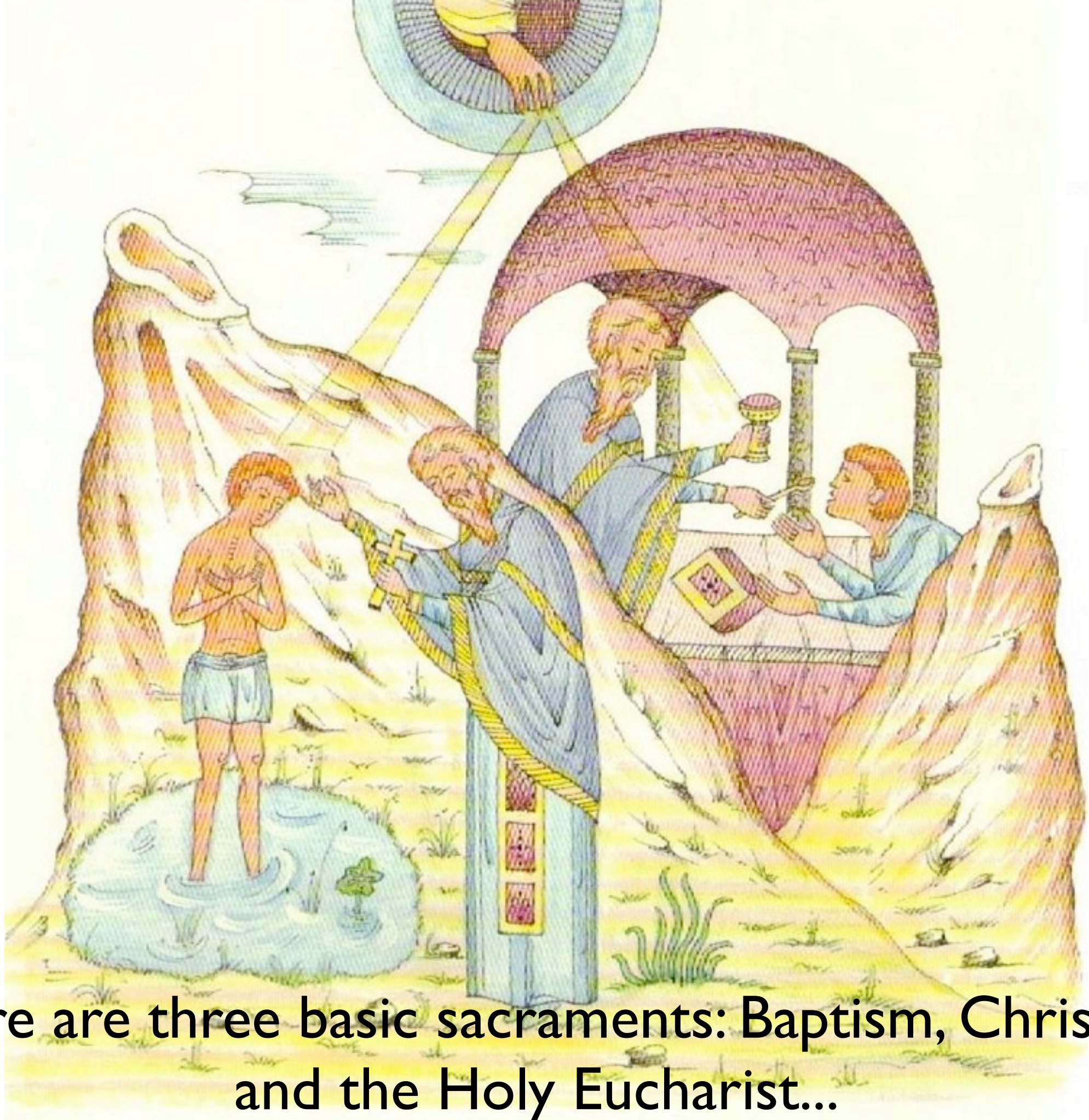
29. The saints and all who live sacramentally and wish to become saints belong to the Church...



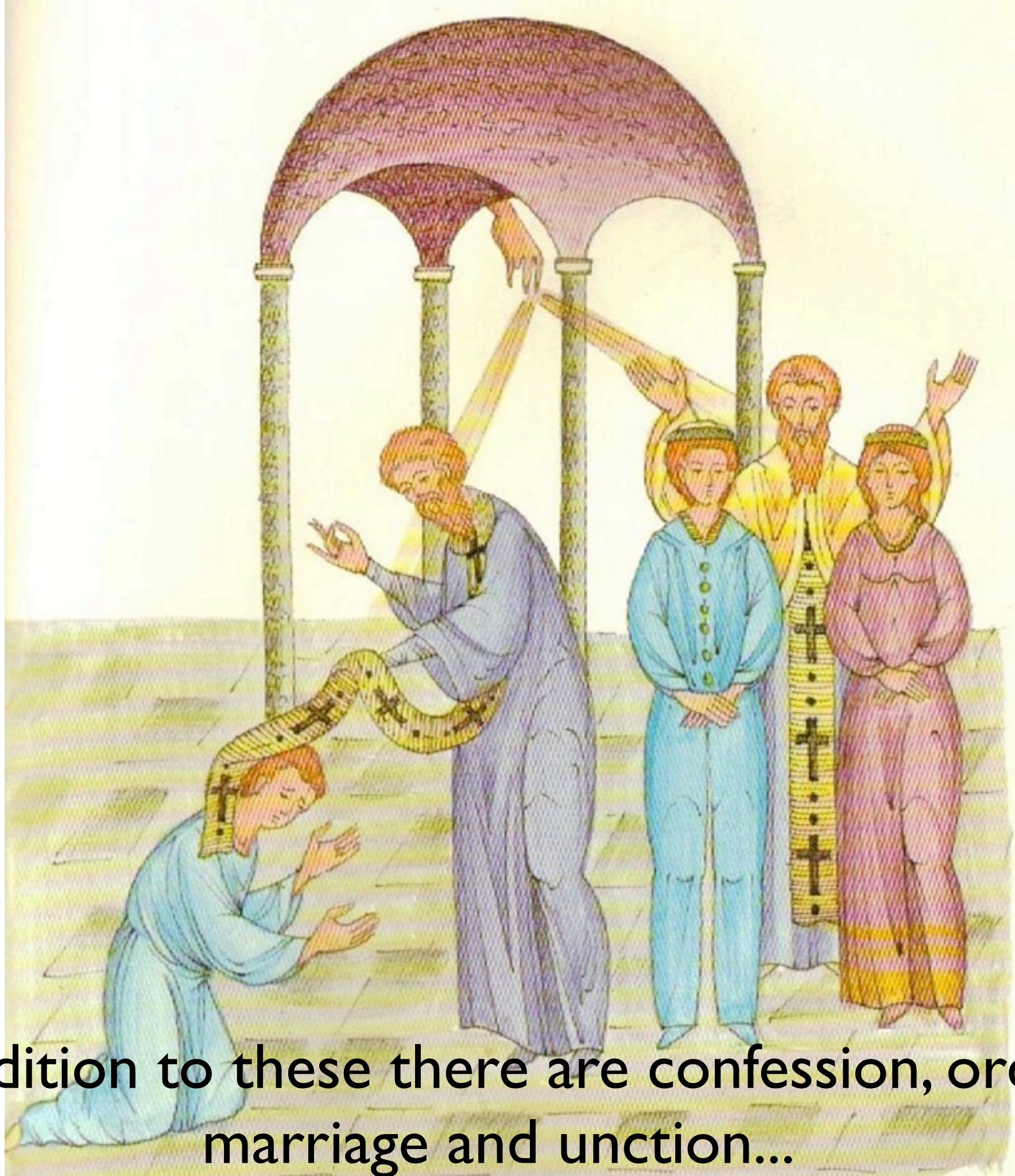
30. It is only in the Church that we can be saved...



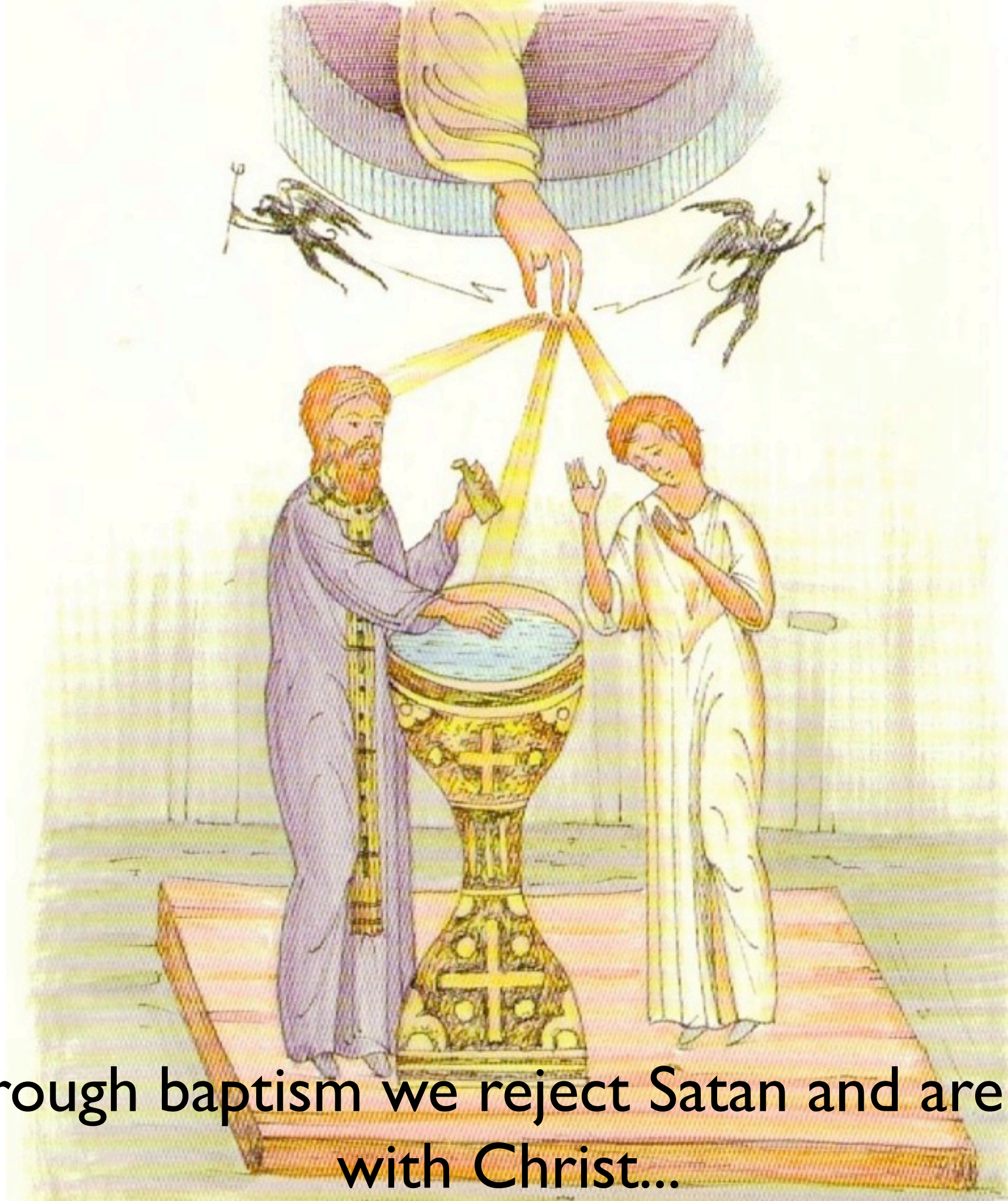
31. Outside the Orthodox Church there are heresies, as well as other religions...



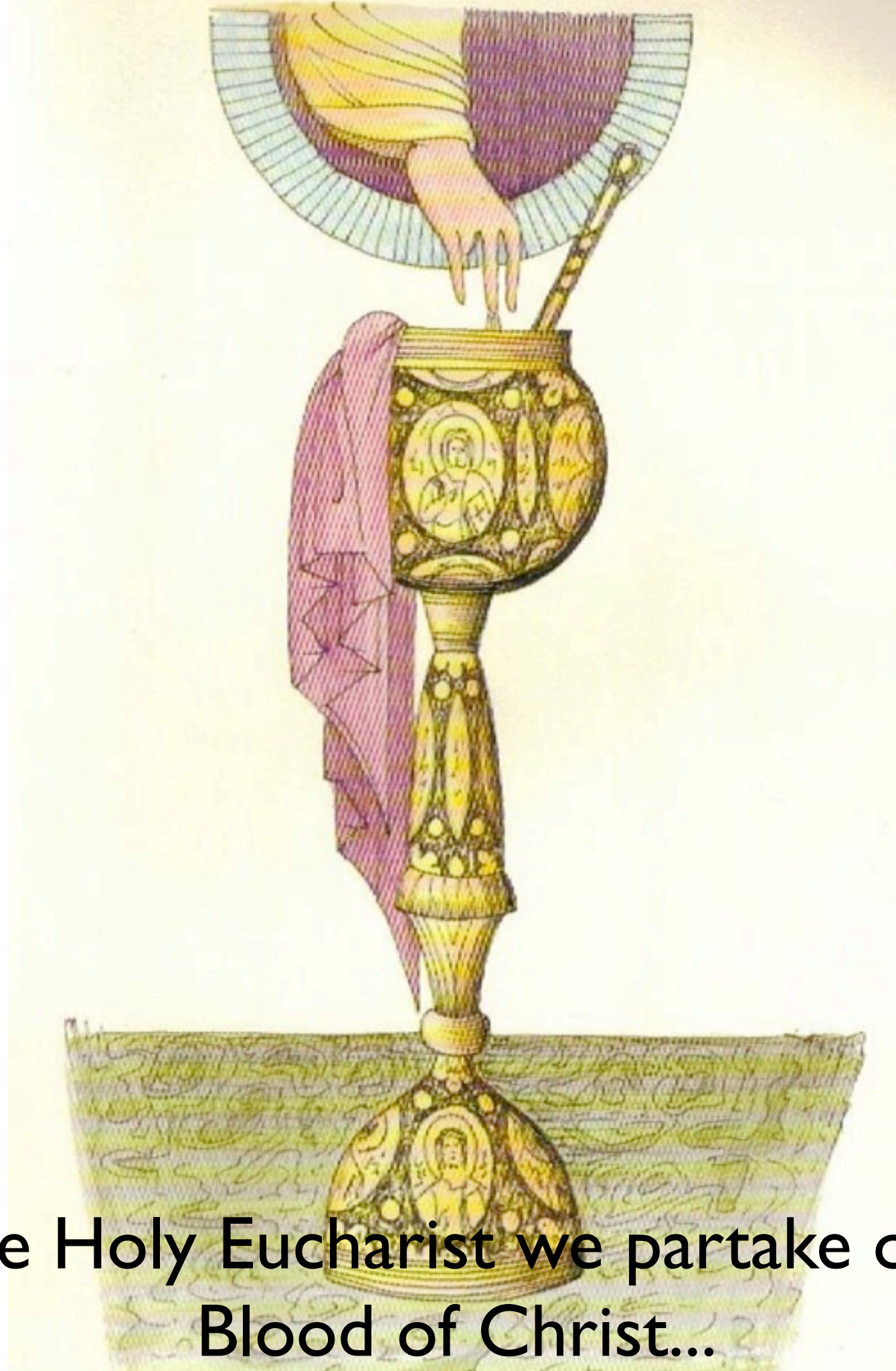
32. There are three basic sacraments: Baptism, Chrismation and the Holy Eucharist...



33. In addition to these there are confession, ordination, marriage and unction...



34. Through baptism we reject Satan and are united with Christ...



35. Through the Holy Eucharist we partake of the Body and Blood of Christ...



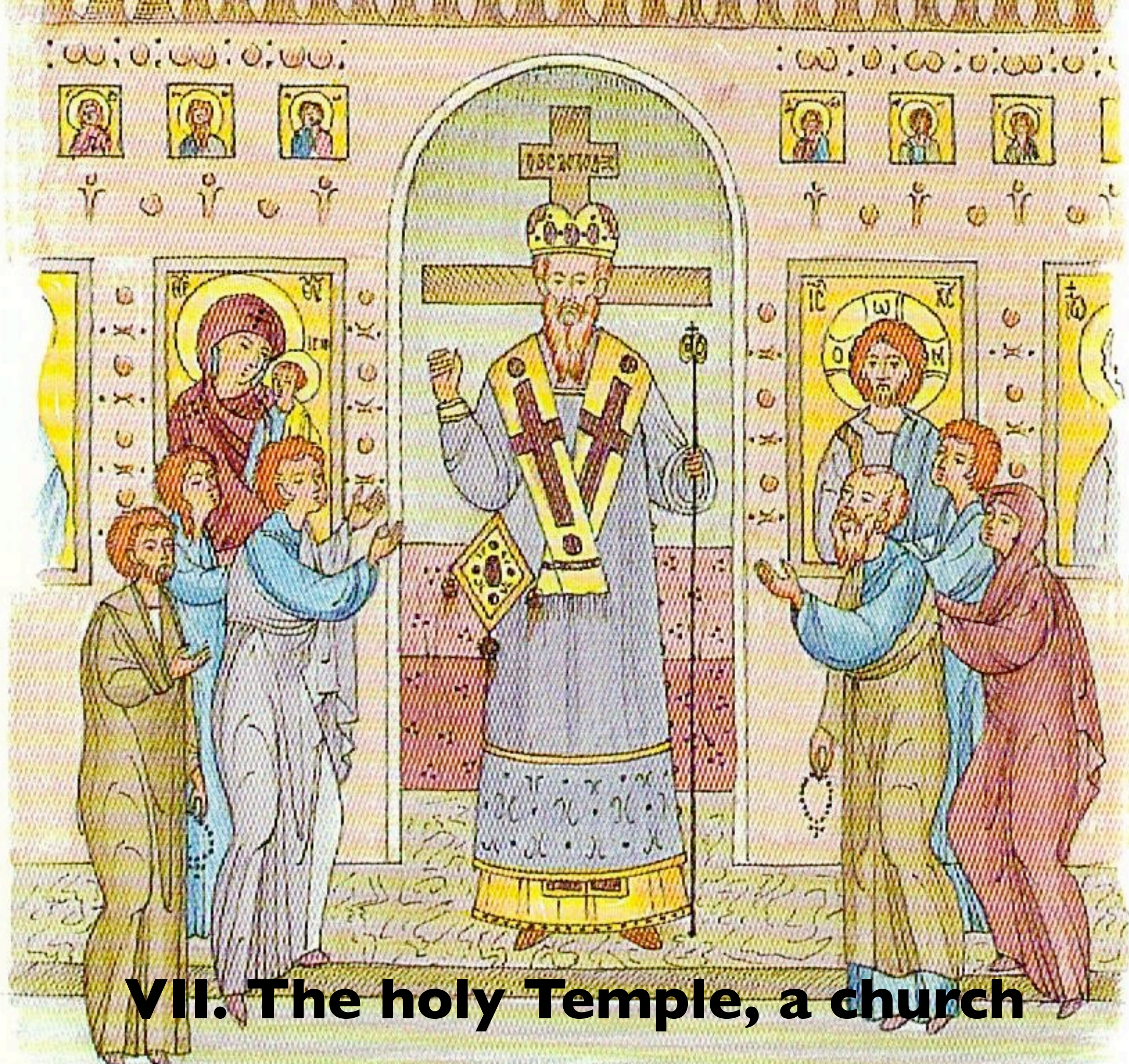
36. We should commune frequently, after suitable preparation...



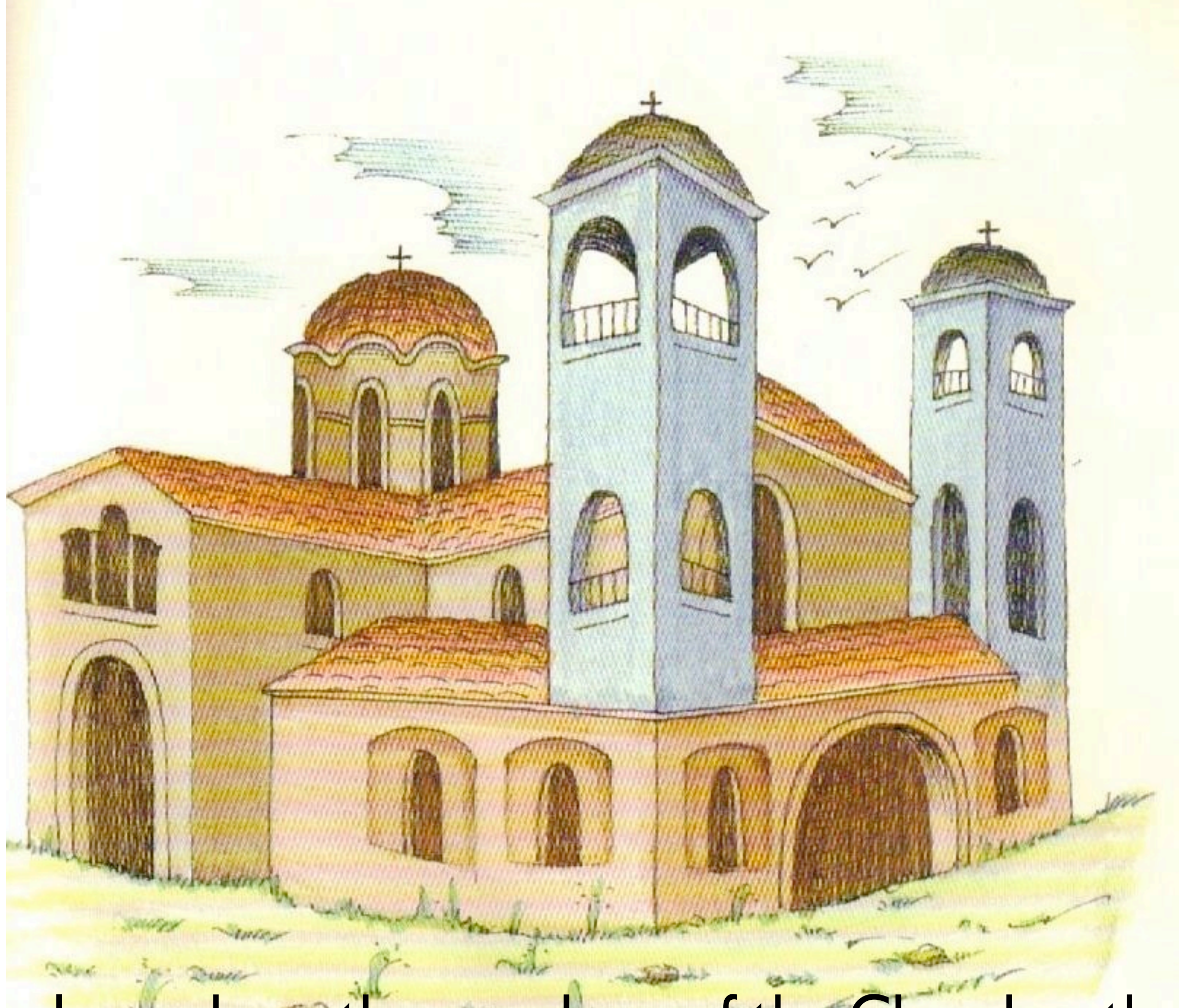
37. In the Divine Liturgy we experience communion with Christ and our brothers...



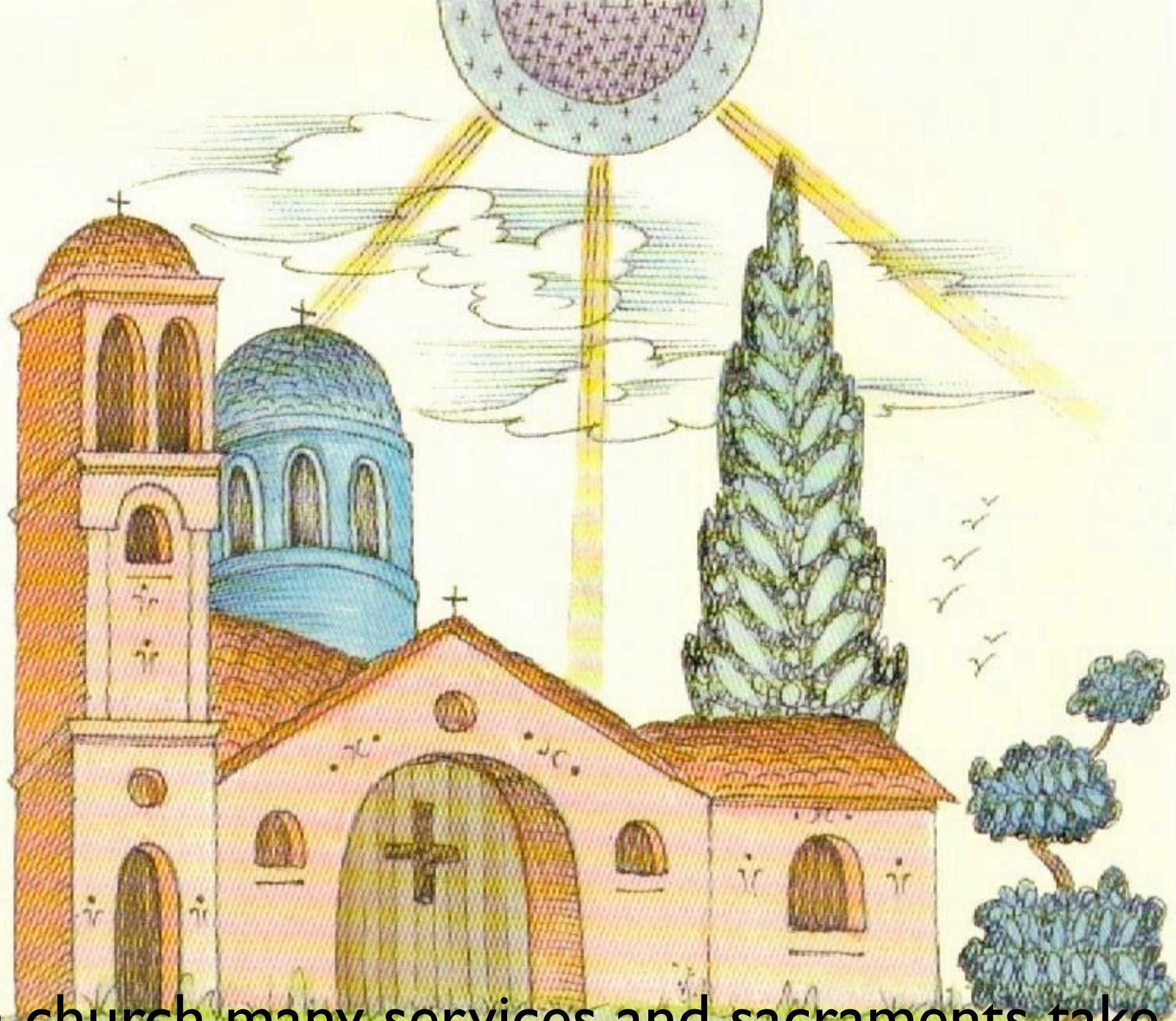
38. The Orthodox Church includes the Patriarchates (Ecumenical, Alexandrian, Antiochian, Jerusalem, Russian, Serbian, Romanian, Bulgarian), the Autocephalous and autonomous Churches, Dioceses and Parishes.



VII. The holy Temple, a church



39. The place where the members of the Church gather to worship God and to pray is called a holy Temple, a church...



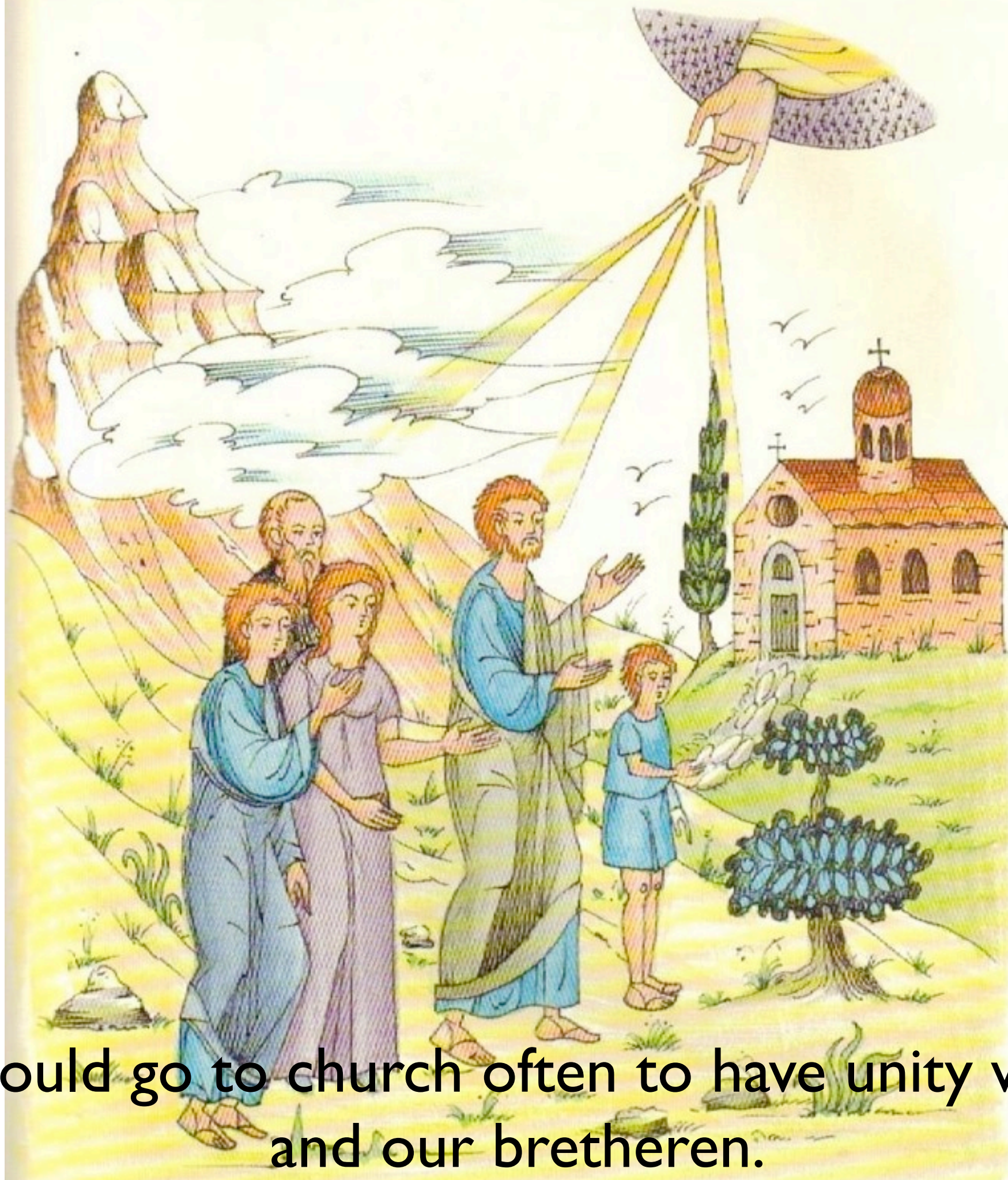
40. In a church many services and sacraments take place, such as Vespers, Matins, and Divine Liturgy, all the sacraments, parakleses, akathists...



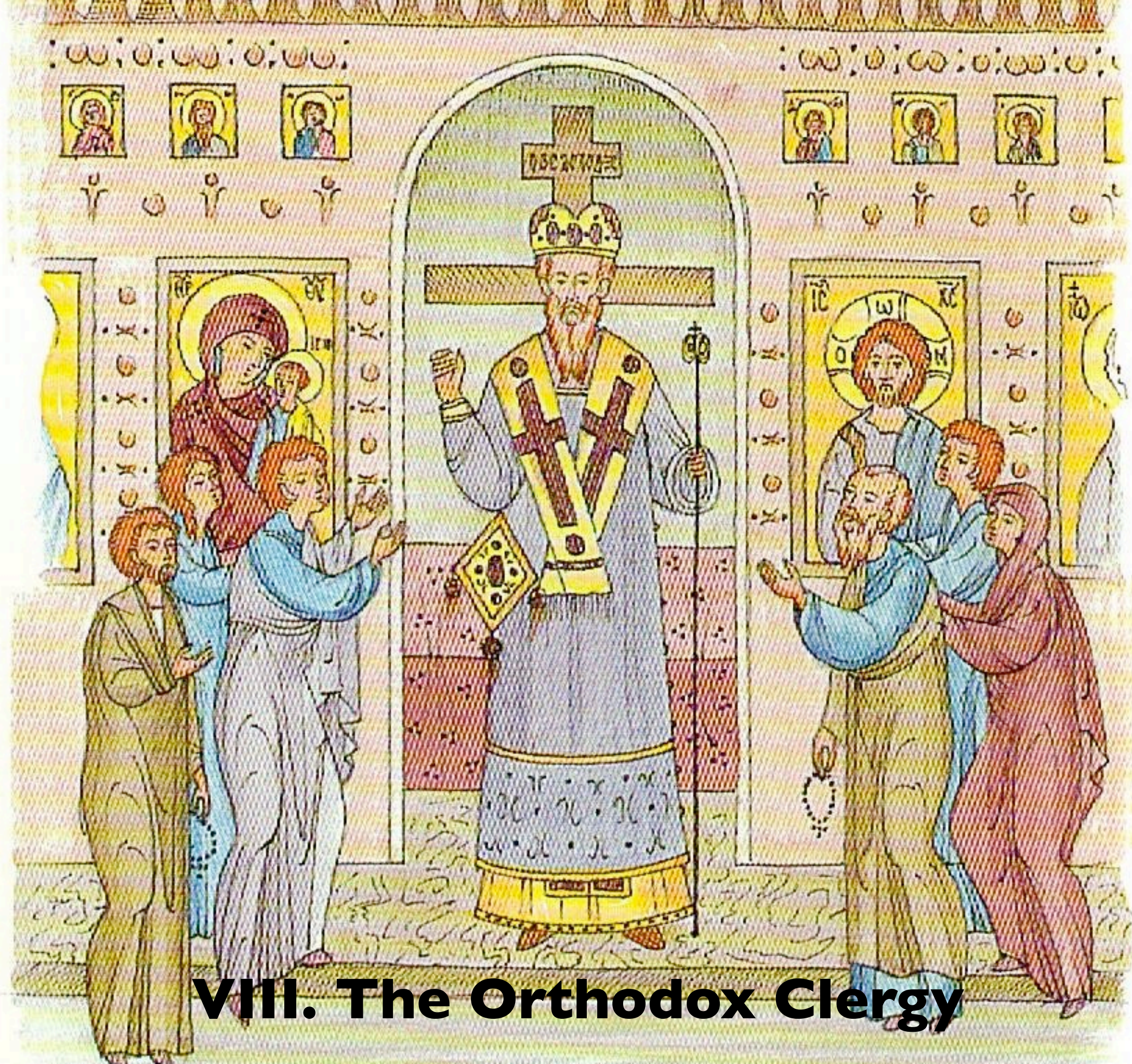
41. There are many liturgical object in the church...



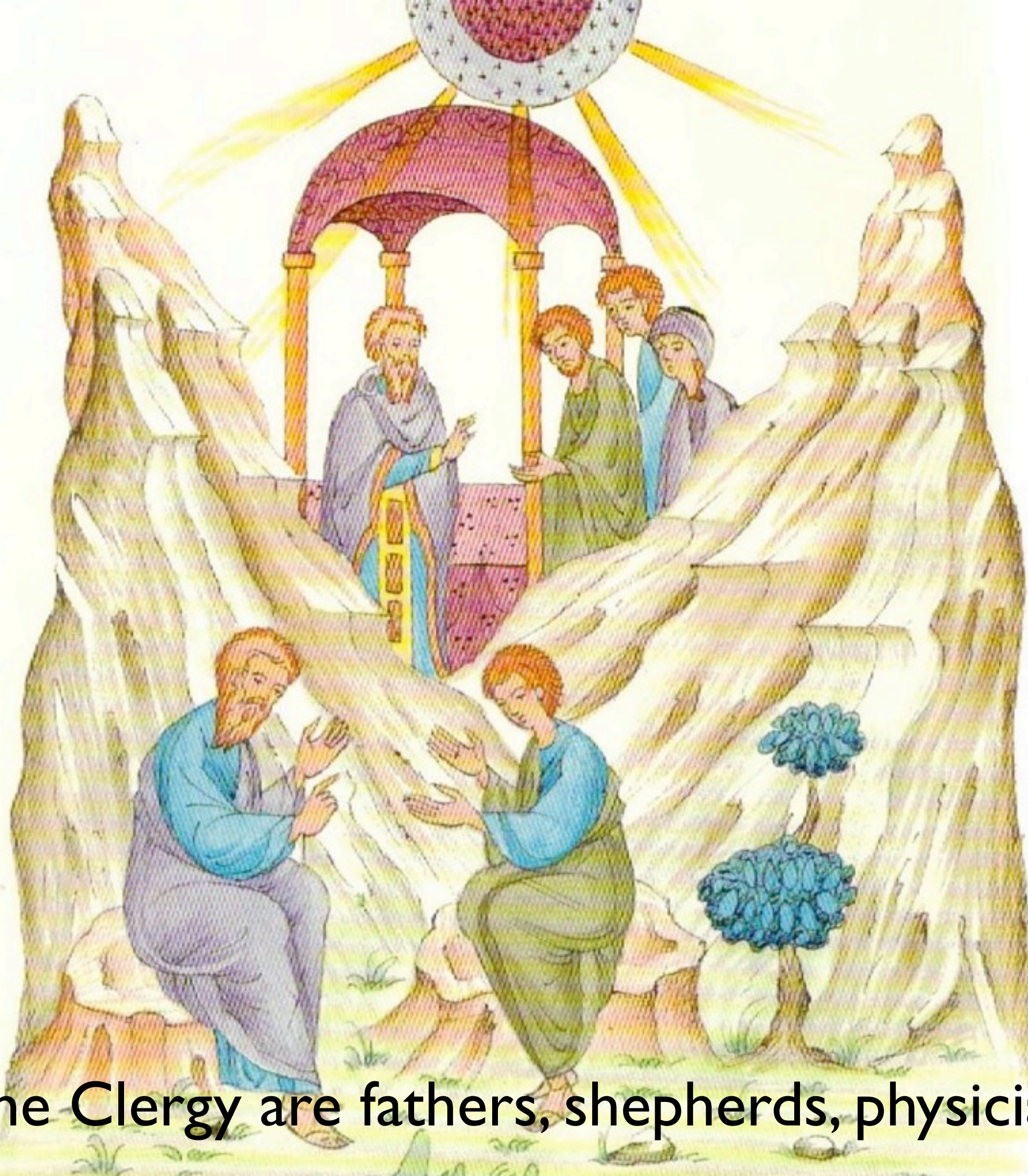
42. The holy icons have great significance...



43. We should go to church often to have unity with Christ and our bretheren.



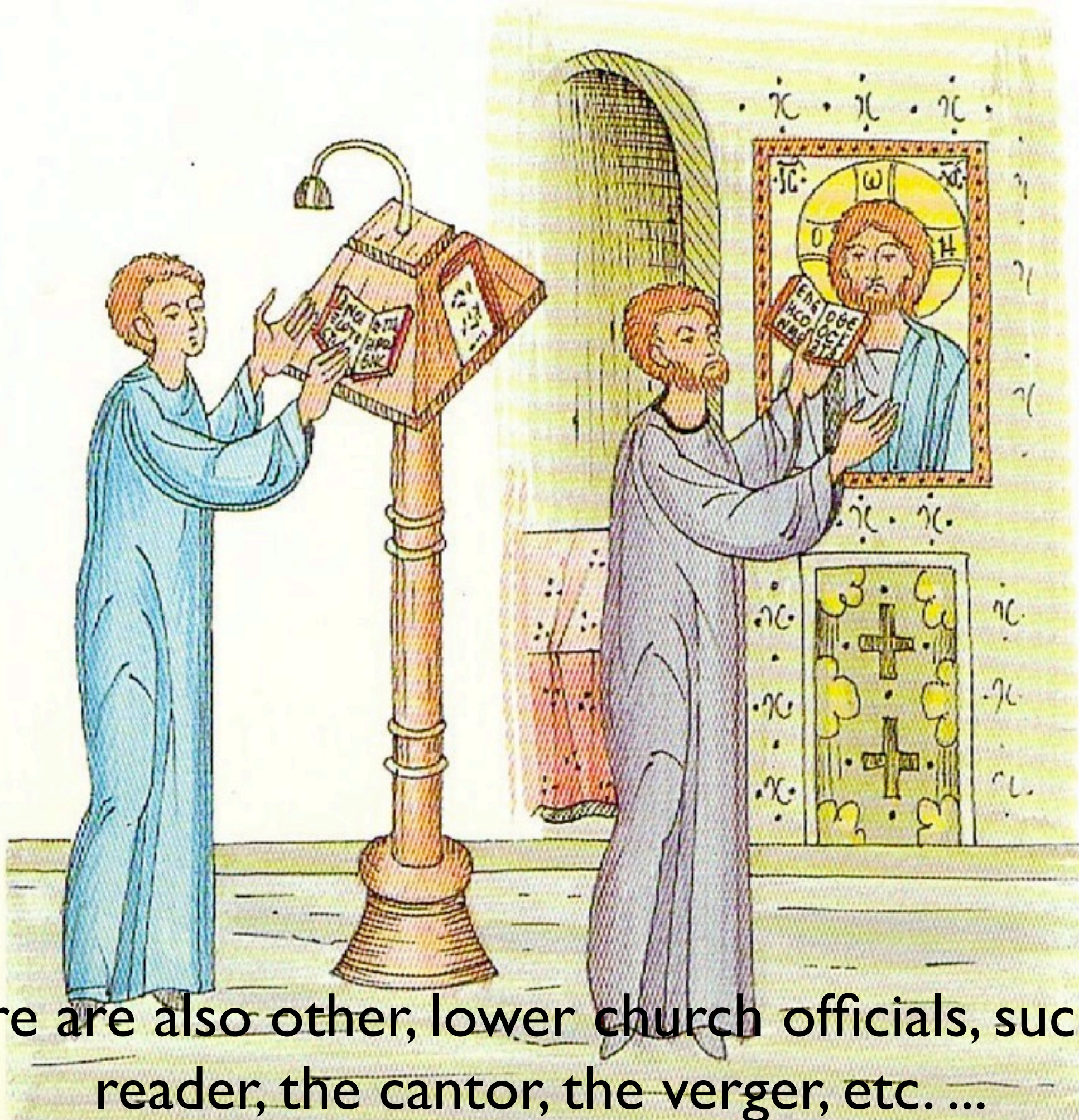
VIII. The Orthodox Clergy



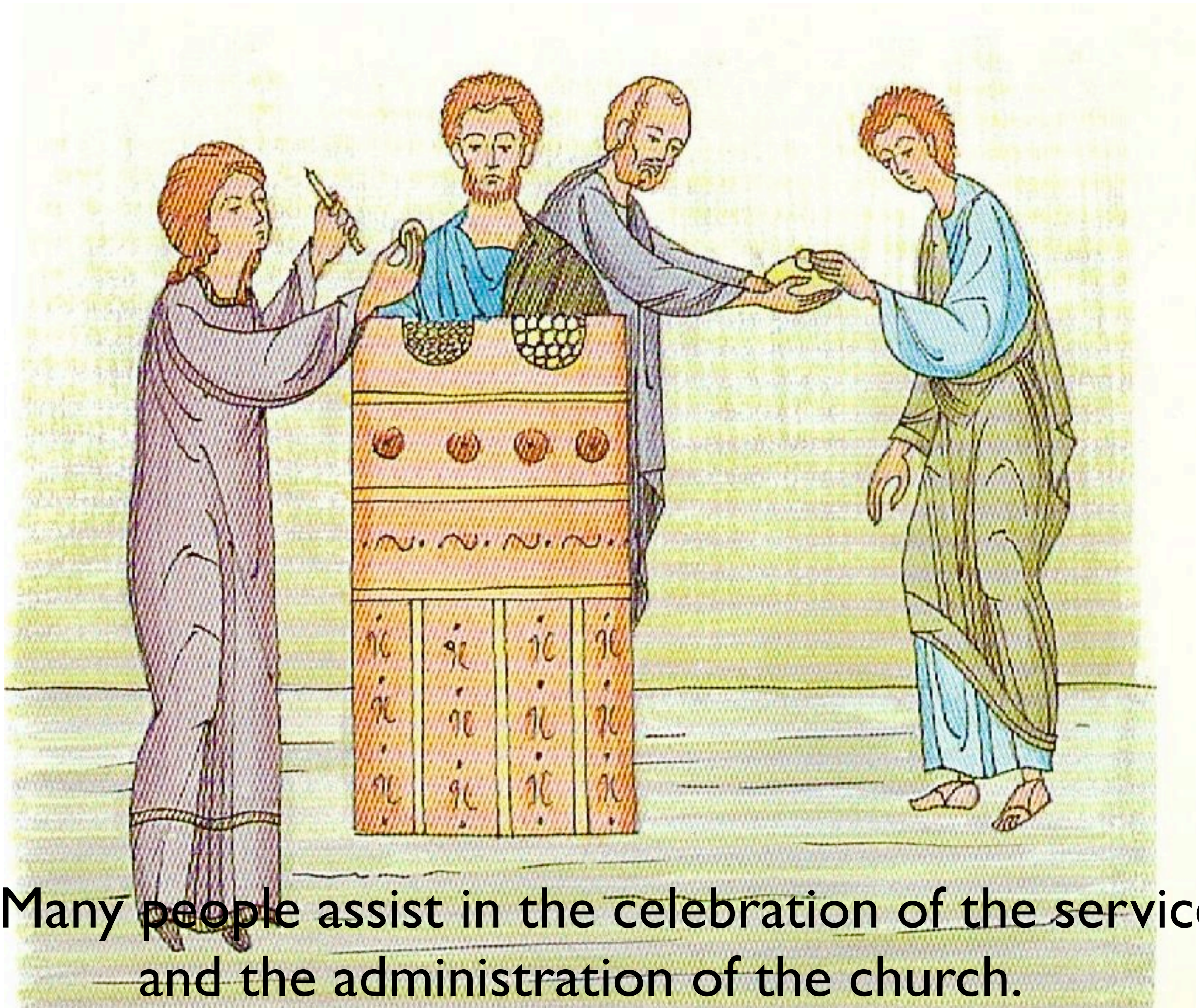
44. The Clergy are fathers, shepherds, physicians...



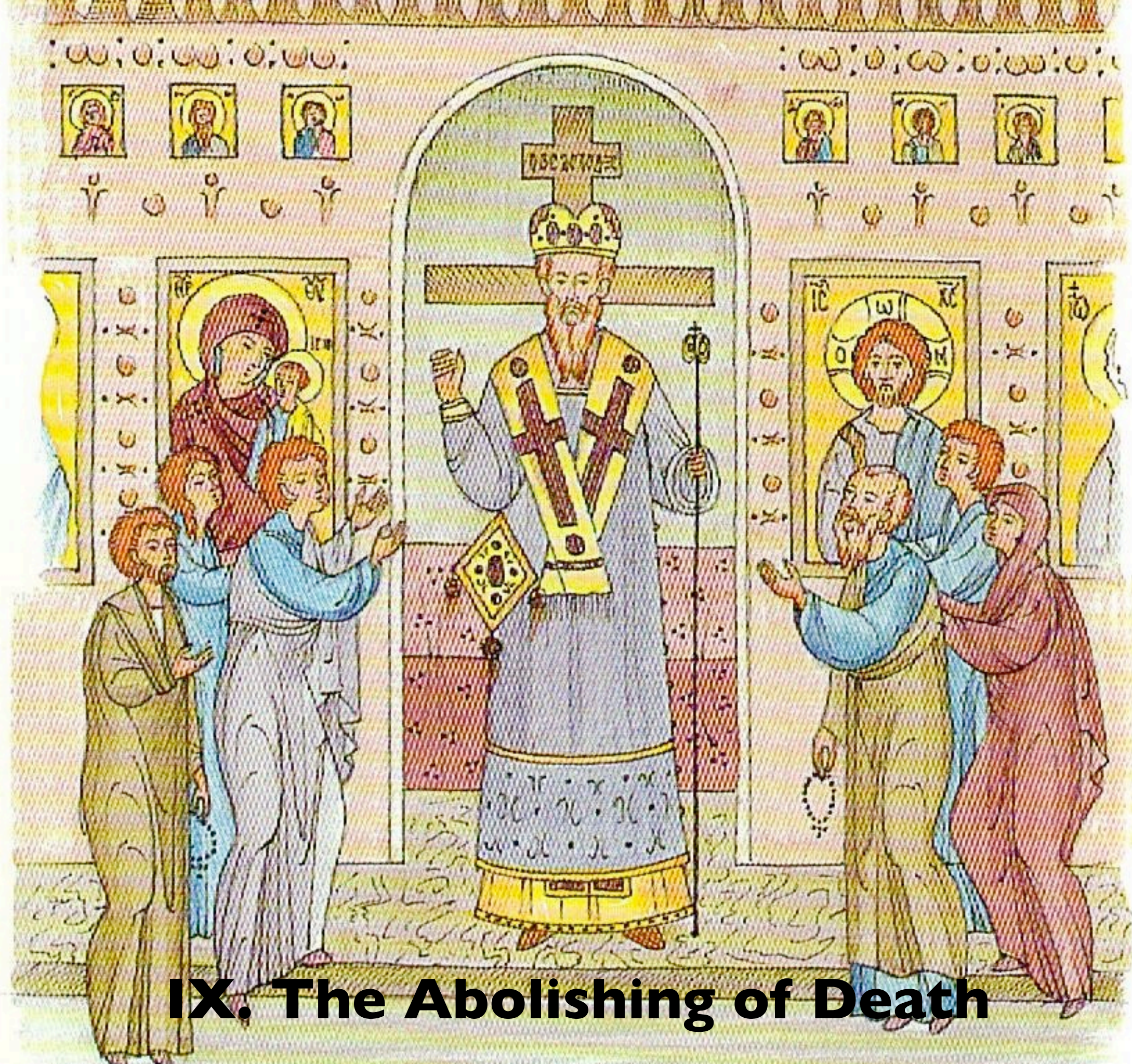
45. There are three degrees of priesthood: Bishop, Priest and Deacon...



46. There are also other, lower church officials, such as the reader, the cantor, the vergier, etc. ...



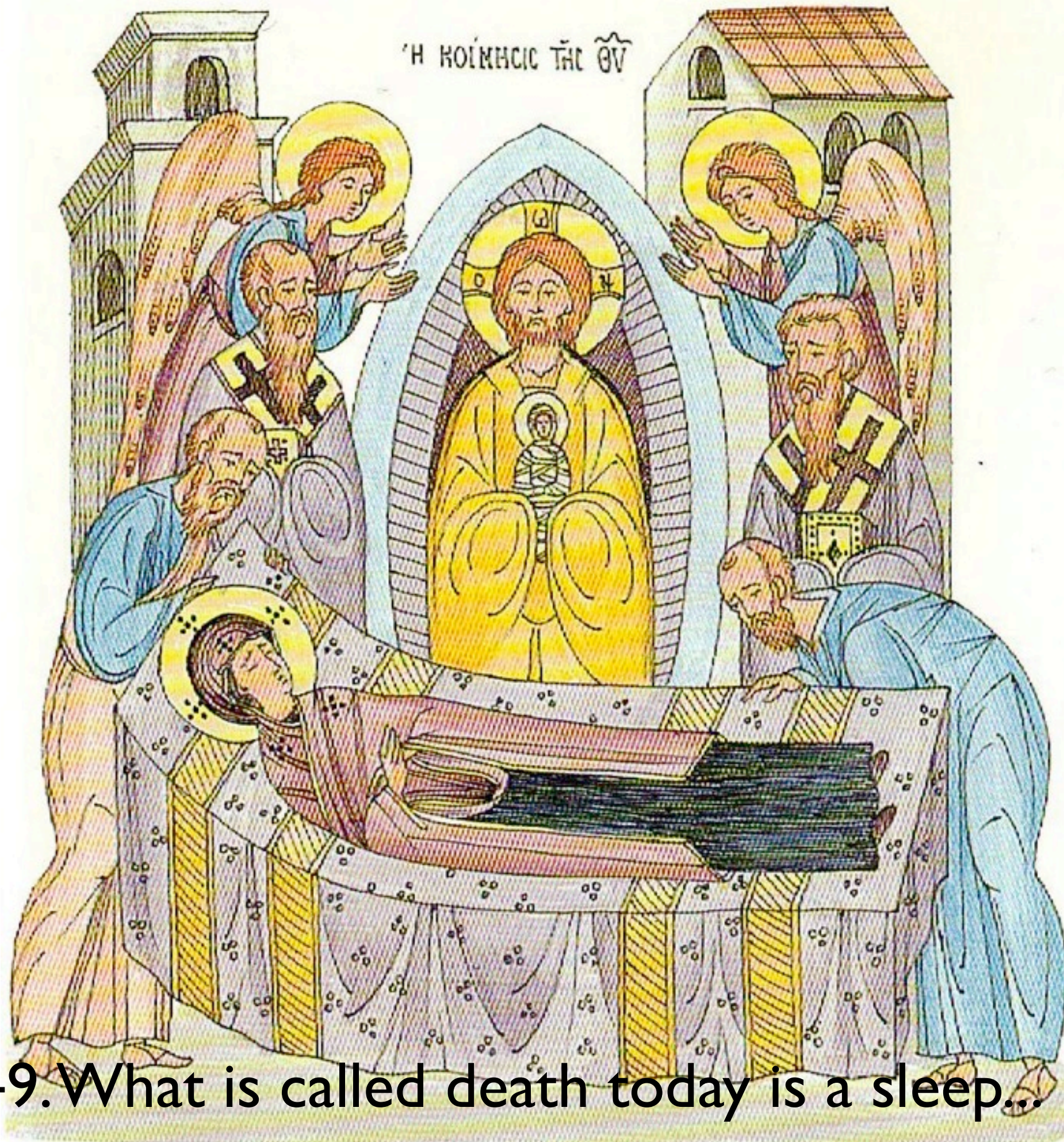
47. Many people assist in the celebration of the services
— and the administration of the church.



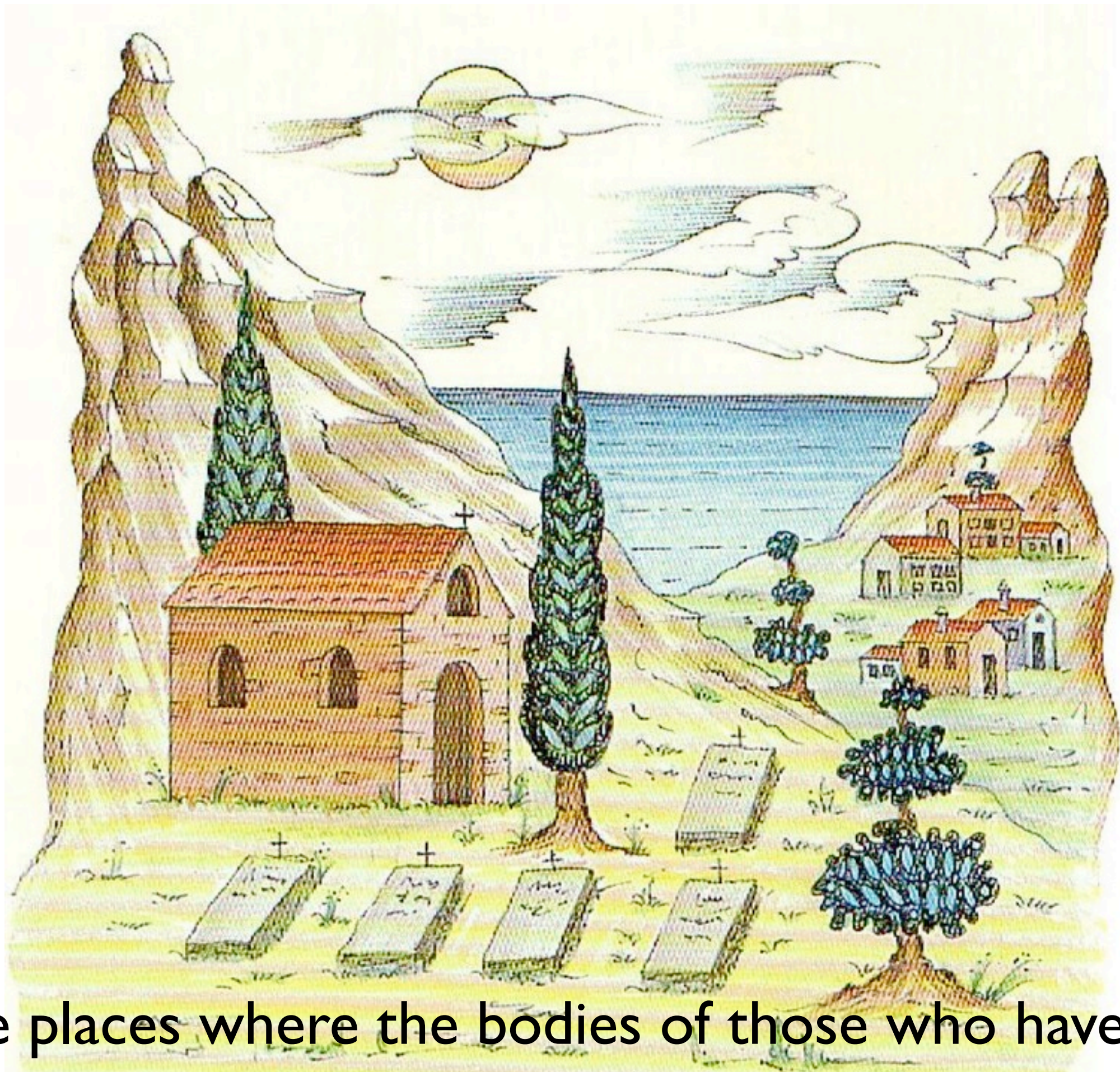
IX. The Abolishing of Death



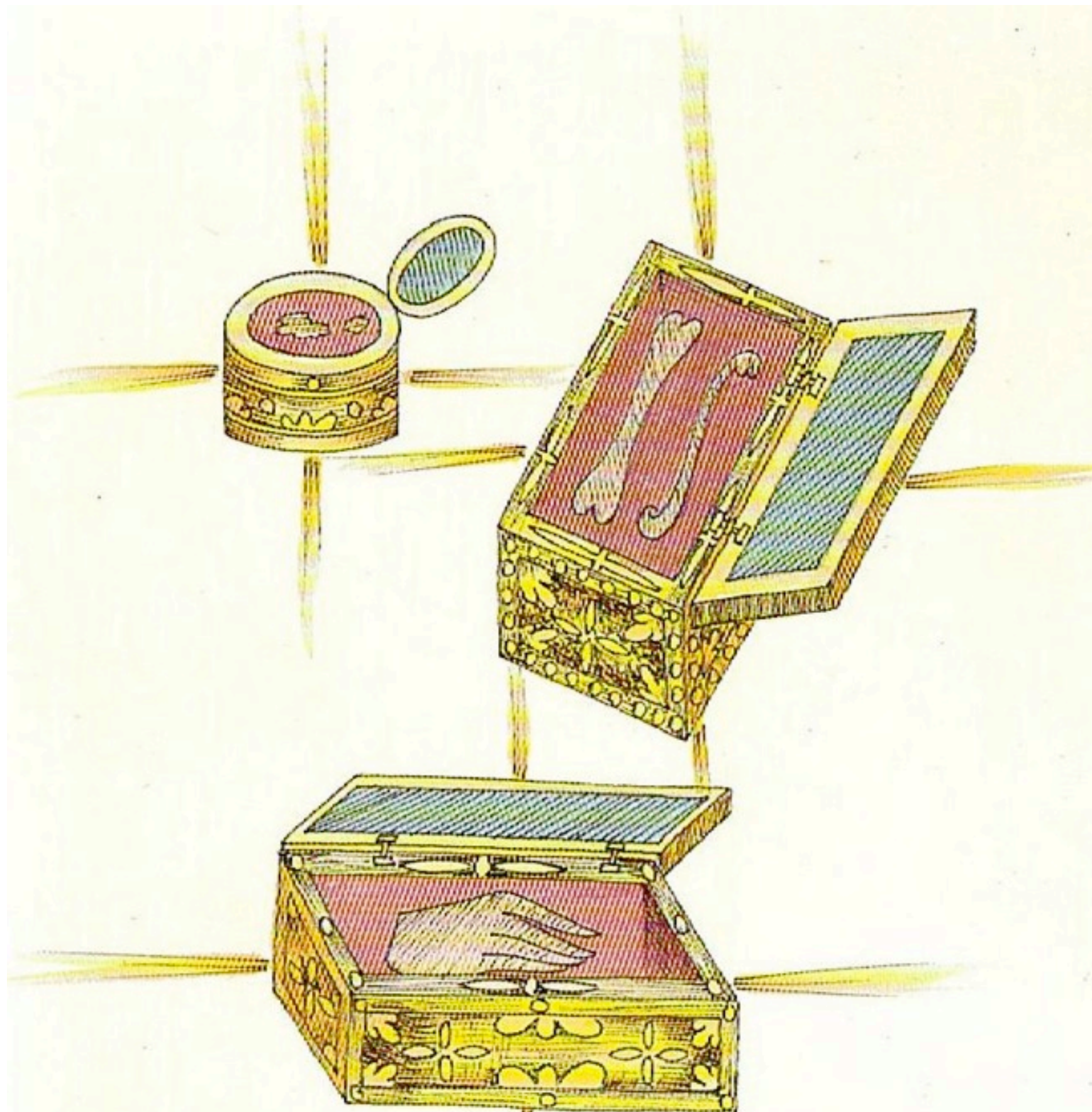
48. Death was abolished by Christ's Resurrection...



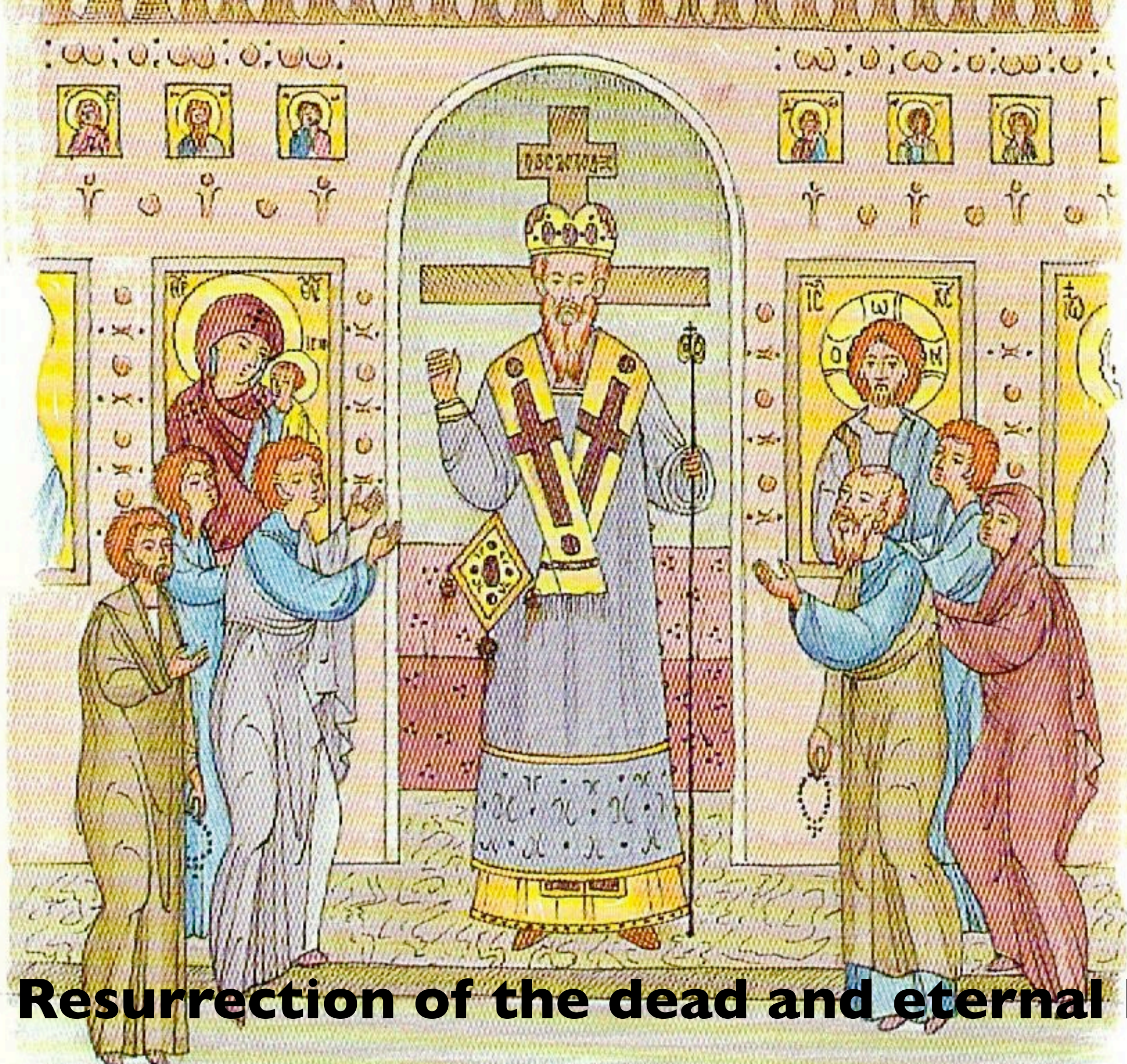
49. What is called death today is a sleep...



50. The places where the bodies of those who have fallen asleep are buried are called cemeteries...



51. The holy relics of the saints are proof that death has been abolished.



X. Resurrection of the dead and eternal life



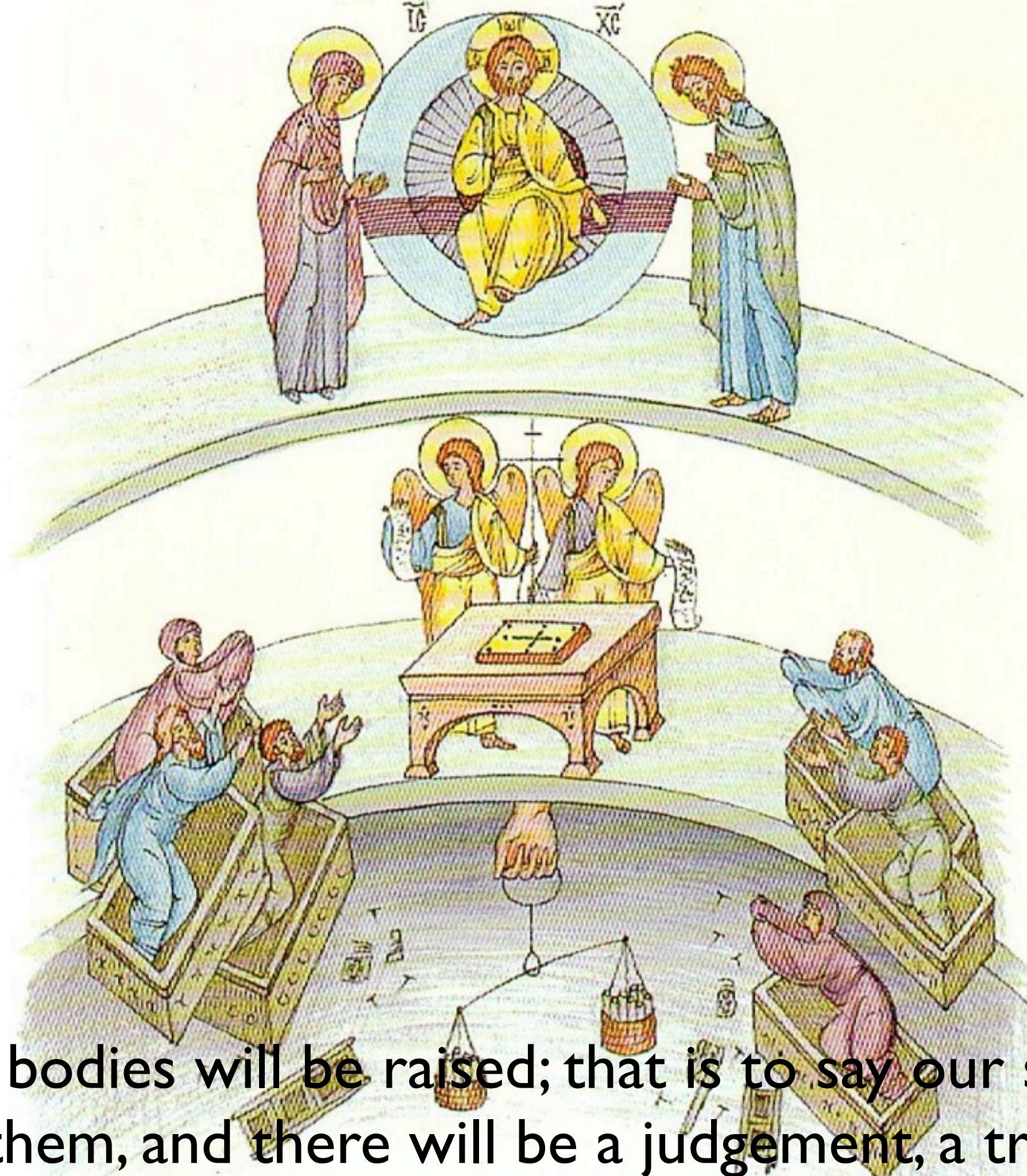
52. Christ will come again to judge men...



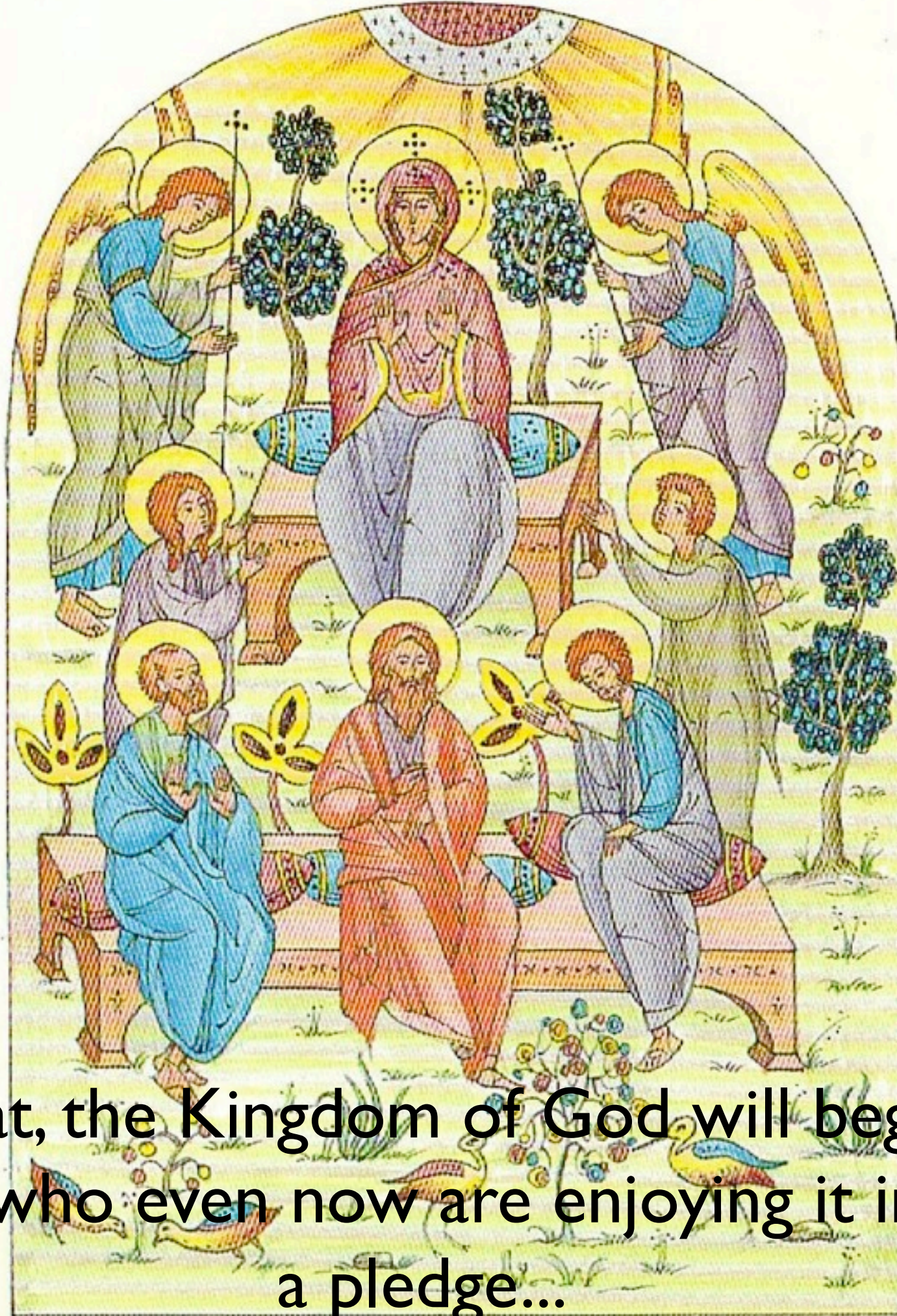
53. This called the Second Coming...



54. The day when He will come is not known...



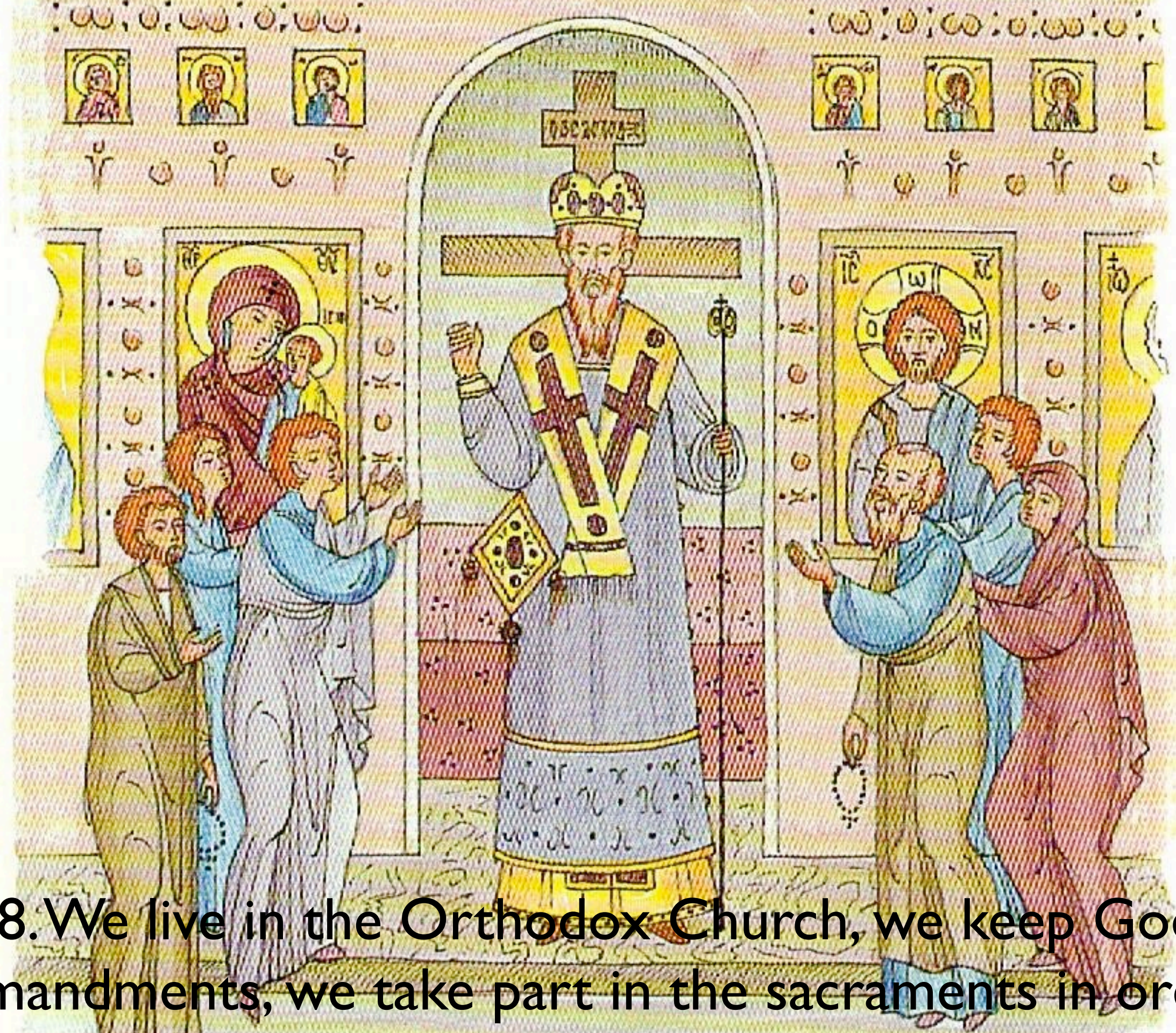
55. Our bodies will be raised; that is to say our souls will enter them, and there will be a judgement, a tribunal...



56. After that, the Kingdom of God will begin for the righteous, who even now are enjoying it in part, as a pledge...



57. For the unrepentant there will be eternal Hell.



58. We live in the Orthodox Church, we keep God's commandments, we take part in the sacraments in order to live eternally with the Triune God in His Kingdom.